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SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Connecticut Baptist Convention,
HELD WITH THE

SOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH, HARTFORD,

October 16th and 17th, 1888.

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Evans, P. S.	New Haven.	Roberts, C. G.	Norwich.
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Fitch, L.*	New London.	Sage, C. E.*	New Haven.
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Garner, W. V., D.D.	Bridgeport.	Simons, A. H.	Montwese.
Garton, J. V.	Meriden.	<i>Smith, D. C.*</i>	Norwich.
Gibbs, B. B.	Bloomfield.	Smith, H. G.*	Windser.
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Kariz, Frederick*	Danbury.	Weaver, C. S.*	Norwich.
Lathrop, E., D.D.*	New Canaan.	Weaver, S. J.	Bozrah.
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Lovell, A. S.*	Andover.	Wheelock, I. R.	Meriden.
Lynch, F. P.	Stratfield.	Whittemore, R. E.*	Clinton.
Lyon, D. D.	Montville.	Wightman, P. G.	Branford.
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CONSTITUTION OF THE CONVENTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this body shall be THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Convention shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel, and the organization and maintenance of Baptist churches and Sunday-schools in the State of Connecticut.

ARTICLE III. This Convention shall consist of delegates from the Baptist churches in Connecticut, of the same faith and order as the present associated Baptist churches. Each of such churches as shall have contributed to the funds of the Convention during the year last preceding the annual meeting, may be represented by its pastor and one delegate for every one hundred, and fraction of one hundred resident members; provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five delegates besides its pastor. Every church having one or more schools connected therewith may elect and send an additional delegate to represent each such school.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of the Convention shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor; all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot, and whose duties shall be specified in by-laws adopted by the Convention.

ARTICLE V. There shall be a Board of Trustees, not exceeding thirty-three (33) in number, one-third of whom, after the first election, shall be chosen annually by ballot. At the first election they shall be chosen in classes of one, two, and three years. At least one-third of the trustees shall be laymen. The trustees, together with the officers of the Convention, shall constitute a Board of Management, in which shall be vested all the privileges and authority of the Convention when the Convention is not in session. The duties of the Board of Trustees shall be specified in by-laws adopted by the Convention.

ARTICLE VI. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of all the delegates present at any annual meeting, after one year's previous notice.

BY-LAWS FOR GOVERNMENT OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

1. The Convention shall meet on Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in October, at 10 o'clock A. M., and the morning shall be devoted to the transaction of business in the following order:

1. Calling to order.
2. Reading of the Scriptures and Prayer.

3. Address of the President.
4. Calling Roll of Delegates.
5. Report of Trustees.
6. Report of Treasurer.
7. Election of Officers.

Tuesday afternoon and evening shall be devoted to the mission work of the Convention. Reports shall be heard from the Superintendent of Missions, from the Committee on the State of the Churches, and from the Committee on Sunday-schools, together with addresses upon these interests. The annual sermon, if any be provided, shall be preached at such hour as committee of arrangements shall decide. Wednesday morning, the Connecticut Baptist Education Society will hold its annual session. Wednesday afternoon shall be devoted to reports of committees and to miscellaneous business.

2. The President shall appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered. Standing committees shall be appointed as follows: (1) On arrangements for next year. (2) On Sunday-schools. (3) On Obituaries. (4) On New Churches. (5) On Temperance. (6) On State of the Churches. (7) On Home and Foreign Mission work; and such other committees as may be deemed necessary or expedient.

3. The Committee of Arrangements shall endeavor to provide that the meetings of the Women's Missionary Societies may not be held during the hours the Convention is in session. The annual reports of their meetings may be read in open meetings of the Convention, and by the vote of the Convention, may be spread upon the minutes.

4. No objects other than those provided for by the Constitution shall be presented at the annual meetings, unless by the unanimous consent of the Convention.

5. The proceedings of the Convention shall be regulated by the ordinary rules governing deliberative assemblies.

6. The minutes shall be read and approved before the adjournment of the Convention.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

1. The Board of Trustees shall hold three meetings during the year, one immediately after the session of the Convention, one in the month of April, and one on the day preceding the next meeting of the Convention. Other meetings may be called by the Secretary at the request of the President, or five members of the Board.

2. The President of the Convention shall preside at all meetings of the board, in his absence the Vice-President shall preside, in the absence of both President and Vice-President the board shall choose a President *pro tem*. The Secretary shall be *ex officio* secretary of the Board.

3. At the first meeting of the board, each year, it shall elect, from its members, an Executive Committee of fifteen (15) including the President,

Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. It shall also appoint a Finance Committee of three. It may appoint other committees as deemed expedient.

4. At the semi-annual meeting of the Board, in April, the Board of Trustees shall appoint a Superintendent of Missions, who shall have the general oversight of the work of the Convention under the direction of the board or of its Executive Committee. The salary of the Superintendent shall be fixed by the Board, and his year of service shall be from the time of his appointment till the next subsequent April, or semi-annual meeting.

5. The Board may, at any of its regular meetings, appoint such missionary or missionaries, for evangelistic work within the State, and for such terms of service, as it may deem expedient.

6. The Board shall have power to provide means for raising funds for the Convention; also to dispose of said funds according to the provisions of the charter and the Constitution.

7. The Board of Trustees, immediately after the adjournment of the Convention, shall, through its Secretary, send to each church and pastor in the State a printed circular setting forth the number of missionaries appointed by the Convention, the amount of money required to meet the yearly expenditure, together with the approximate amount each church should contribute.

8. All appropriations in aid of churches, and for payment of missionaries shall be made by the Board in accordance with the regulations laid down in the by-laws.

9. The Board shall make report of all its transactions to the Convention at its annual meeting.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1. The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times during the year, in the months of October, January, April, and July, and at any other time at the call of the President and Secretary. They shall consider and report upon all applications for aid. When the Board is not in session its authority shall vest in the Executive Committee, but no contract or agreement made by the Executive Committee shall remain in force beyond the time of the next ensuing meeting of the Board of Trustees unless approved by the Board, except in such cases as have been referred to the Executive Committee for final action.

2. The Executive Committee shall make full report of all its transactions to the next ensuing meeting of the Board of Trustees.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Convention, of the Board of Trustees, and of the Executive Committee.

2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President during his absence.

3. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Convention. He shall be the custodian of the securities of the Convention, and shall

keep a careful record of all permanent, conditional, and special trust funds, with a brief statement of the conditions under which they are held, and the particulars concerning their investment. He shall keep each class of funds separate and distinct from every other, and from the several funds of the Convention. He shall prepare a monthly statement of the condition of the treasury and submit the same to the Executive Committee through the Secretary. He shall execute all financial documents, and when necessary, affix thereto the seal of the Convention unless the Board of Trustees shall otherwise specifically direct. He shall make payments out of the treasury only upon the written order of the Secretary. Whenever required by the Executive Committee he shall give bonds to such an amount as they may direct.

4. The Secretary shall keep a faithful record of all the meetings of the Convention, of the Board of Trustees, and of the Executive Committees. He shall furnish for publication in the *Christian Secretary* brief reports of all important transactions in their meetings, as far as the interests of the Convention will admit. The quarterly reports of the churches aided by the Convention, and of the missionaries employed shall be made to the Board through him, and he shall prepare, for each meeting of the Board and of its Executive Committee, a statement of the business which needs to be brought before it. He shall draw orders on the treasury only as authorized by the Board of Trustees or its Executive Committee.

5. The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer and make a report thereof to the Convention once a year, and each quarter if required by the Board.

6. The Finance Committee shall have charge of, and approve by their signature, the investment of all the trust funds of the Convention subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. They may require of the Treasurer, statements of all transactions relating to trust funds, and of current receipts and expenditures whenever they deem it necessary. They may authorize the temporary transfer by the Treasurer of the funds of the Convention from one class to another whenever they may deem it necessary. They may, with the Secretary, direct the payment of amounts, not exceeding fifty dollars, in exigencies that cannot await the action of the Board of Trustees or of its Executive Committee. Under no circumstances shall any of the funds of the Convention be loaned to any officer, legal advisor, or member of the Executive Committee, or to any corporation or business enterprise in which any of them is personally interested.

RULES TO GOVERN APPROPRIATIONS.

1. All churches assisted by the Convention shall make their quarterly reports to the Board through the Secretary. All appropriations to churches shall be made quarterly, and no application for aid will be considered until the report of the church has been received. Quarterly reports must be sent in during the first weeks in October, January, April, and July.

2. Appropriations will be made to churches only when such churches

have settled pastors, and when they shall have made, within the year preceding, contributions for at least three objects of benevolence, including the Domestic Mission work of the Connecticut Baptist Convention.

3. No appropriations shall be made to any church, when in the judgment of the Executive Committee the pastor of the church is not considered worthy of such aid. It is therefore recommended that any church, without a pastor, applying for aid, shall confer with the Superintendent of Missions, or the Executive Committee before the choice and settlement of a pastor.

4. No appropriation shall be recommended, or be made toward the erection of any house of worship until the approval of the plan by the Executive Committee shall have been secured; and in all cases where such appropriations amount to \$500 or more, the church or society so aided, shall execute to the Convention a deed of trust of the property, which shall be held by the Convention until such time as the Board of Trustees shall deem it expedient to reconvey the property.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

The Superintendent of Missions shall have the general oversight and care of the entire work of the Convention under the direction of the Executive Committee. He shall visit the churches aided by the Convention as frequently as may be, consistently with his other duties. He shall investigate any new enterprises that should be brought to the attention of the Board and report the same. He shall, as opportunity may offer, present the claims of the Convention before the churches, and receive subscriptions and collections for the Convention. He shall be present at all meetings of the Board, and of the Executive Committee, to counsel and advise in all their action, but shall have no vote. He shall advise the churches aided by the Convention on all matters, in which his advice is asked, but he shall not pledge the Convention to any pecuniary aid except as authorized in each case by the Board of Trustees or by its Executive Committee.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws, except such as refer to the duties of the Treasurer and of the Finance Committee, may be changed or additions made thereto at any meeting of the Board of Trustees or by a majority vote.

Such of these By-Laws as refer to the duties of the Treasurer and of the Finance Committee shall be of equal binding force with the provisions of the Constitution, and can be changed only by a two-thirds vote of all the members present at the annual meeting of the Convention, and after one year's notice.

GENERAL RESOLUTION.

All resolutions or parts of the same, heretofore adopted by the Convention, Board of Trustees, or Executive Committee which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws are hereby repealed.

CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING.

All churches sending delegates to the Convention are bound, by their obligations to God and their brethren, to make annual contribution to its Treasury, and none, large or small, ought, in any case, to fail in this important duty. They are requested to be very particular and exact in their appointment of delegates and designation of funds, and see that these funds are placed in the Treasury, and published in the Minutes of the Convention.


APPROPRIATIONS.

Quarterly reports of their condition, financial and religious, ought to be made to the Secretary of the Convention, by the pastors and clerks of all churches aided.

Applications for aid must be made by the formal action of the church seeking it, signed by the clerk or pastor, with a plain statement of their condition and wants, to be submitted to the Board.

Appropriations shall be withheld from churches which neglect to make contributions to the four following objects: State Missions, the Education Society, Foreign Missions and Home Missions; and the evidence of such contributions shall be the books and reports of the Treasurers.

No moneys ought to be credited to Domestic or State Missions which were not placed in the Treasury of the Convention for that purpose.

 All statistics respecting *members* and *finances* ought to be precise and accurate.

LEGACIES.

FORM OF A LEGACY.—I also give and bequeath to THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION *dollars, land, houses, or other property,* for the purpose of the Convention, as specified in the act of incorporation. And I hereby direct my executor or executors to pay said sum to the Treasurer of said Convention, taking his receipt for it, within months after my decease. [If *real estate* is devised, describe the *premises* with exactness—both lots and buildings.]

FOR THE BUILDING FUND.—I give and devise to THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION, *money, lands, houses, bonds—as the case may be—*for the Building Fund, to aid in procuring or paying for suitable Houses of Worship for Mission Churches.

A similar form will answer for THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY. Only be careful to specify the name.

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION.

HARTFORD, CONN., Oct. 16, 1888.

The sixty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Baptist Convention was convened in the meeting-house of the South Baptist Church, Hartford, on the above date. After the devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. G. M. Stone, of Hartford, the Convention was called to order for the transaction of business by the President, Hon. Francis Wayland, at 10:20 A. M.

Rev. Kittridge Wheeler, Pastor of the South Church, gave a cordial address of welcome—speaking as follows:

*“Mr. President and Messengers of the Churches:—*It is my pleasant duty, in behalf of the Baptists of this city, to extend to you a most cordial welcome. We welcome you to the hospitality of our hearts, and our homes, and our good cheer. * * We welcome you also to this church, and to the churches of this city. * * * When consulting, last year, about inviting this Convention to meet with us, the thought was not so much that we should be able to help you—but, rather, that you would be able to do so much for us; that the Messengers of the churches would stir our hearts, quicken our consciences, enkindle our zeal, wake us up, and warm us into new life, that there may come down upon us the crown of the Divine presence. * * * We welcome you also to the Capital City of this Commonwealth, with all its historical association. We welcome you to Hartford, as a city in which there are yet Baptist churches, Baptist laymen, Baptist ministers, Baptist principles, Baptist convictions. All honor to Thomas Hooker and to Roger Williams, who gave to the country, and to the last three centuries those three great principles, liberty of conscience, loyalty to the truth, obedience to the majority in civil things. We stand, to-day, true to our convictions, where the word of God, and the scholarship of Christendom, have told us to take our place, and we are forced to say, as did Luther, “Here I stand, I cannot change, and may God help us.”

President Wayland responded as follows:

“In behalf of the Convention, I desire to thank you, sir, for your words of welcome and of kindly cheer. For more substantial cause for thankfulness,

as this is the very commencement of the session, we must content ourselves with that kind of gratitude that is sometimes ascribed to politicians, "the lively sense of favors to come."

Then, addressing the Convention, Mr. Wayland said:

"Enough has been said in the Report of the Board, which will be read to you, as to what has been done during the year—and perhaps it is fair that something should be said, not by way of condemnation, but of friendly criticism. This last year, in spite of the earnest that we made to the Convention, the amount of money contributed by the churches has not increased, but diminished, and the debt remains precisely where it was. Why should not the pastor present this cause, once a year, and early in the year, to the churches over which they preside? If this duty is not attended to we must see our cause suffer—the small churches fail to receive support which we are pledged to give them, and our work in behalf of the rapidly increasing population of foreigners in our State languish and suffer. Let us do what belongs to the liberality of our denomination, and the seriousness with which we hold the views which we profess.

The Committee of Arrangements presented the printed program as their report, which was adopted, and followed through the session of the Convention.

The Chair announced the following committees to report during the session:

Committee on Nomination of Officers—Rev. J. R. Stubbart, Rev. J. V. Garton, Hon. J. L. Howard, A. J. Sloper, Esq., Rev. D. H. Taylor, Rev. C. A. Piddock, Giles Potter, Esq., Rev. A. E. Reynolds, Rev. B. J. Savage, Rev. F. Kneeland, Edward Miller, Esq.

Committee on Resolutions—Rev. A. G. Palmer, D. D., Rev. G. H. Miner, Rev. W. D. McKinney, Rev. W. G. Fennell, Rev. C. E. Tower.

The Secretary presented the Report of the Board of Trustees, reading portions of it, and calling attention to some items of peculiar interest.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 16, 1888.

DEAR BRETHREN:

Your Board respectfully submit the following report of their doings during the year just closed:

At the first meeting of the Board held in New Britain, on the evening of October 18, 1887, the Board, in pursuance of the instructions they had received, divided itself into three classes, to serve respectively, one, two, and three years. A list of the Board as thus classified, appears in the printed minutes of the Convention. It will be necessary for the Convention to choose eleven new members of the Board, to fill the places of those whose term of one year has now expired; and also to fill the vacancy caused by the decease of Mr. James Lockwood, who was so long, and so closely identified with the work of the Convention. Your Board appointed Rev. C. A. Piddock to temporarily fill this vacancy, an appointment which the Brethren of the Convention will be glad to confirm.

At the same meeting of the Board an Executive Committee was chosen as provided for in the Constitution. The semi-annual meeting of the Board was held in Bridgeport, April 11, 1888. There has been no other meeting of the full Board until the last day of the Convention year. The business of the Board has been mostly preformed through its Executive Committee. The Executive Committee has held four meetings, the regular quarterly meetings, one in Hartford, Oct. 31, 1887, one in New Haven, Jan. 17, 1888, one in New London, July 9, 1888, and a special meeting in Hartford, May 28, 1888, called at the request of the Memorial Church to counsel them in a time of trouble. As this Committee contains so large a representation of the Board and the presiding officer and Recording Secretary are the same in both bodies, the doings of both the Executive Committee and the Board are embodied in this Report.

GENERAL REVIEW.

From the enthusiasm manifested at the last meeting of the Convention your Board was led to hope that the year would witness a large advance in the contributions of the churches, and in the consequent amount of work that could be accomplished in strengthening the positions already occupied, and in entering some of the new fields. The results actually reached have not fully realized our expectations.

Rev. C. A. Piddock, at his own request, was released from a part of his duties, Feb. 1st, and relieved entirely from the superintendence May 1st. Your Board greatly regretted the loss of Brother Piddock's services, a loss made necessary by his assuming the ownership and editing of the Christian Secretary. Though no longer in the pay of the Convention, your former Superintendent has lost none of his interest in Domestic Missions, and his paper under the new, as under the former management, is a valuable ally in the prosecution of our work. Still notwithstanding these disadvantages commendable progress has been made in many directions. Brother Piddock, during his six months of service, as gathered from his report to the Board, preached in 26 different churches. In Sterling, Danielsonville, Moosup, Bristol, Pendleton Hill, and Spring Hill, he conducted revival services for a week or more at each place. His labors were productive of great good in all of these places, and in Bristol and Danielsonville most excellent results followed.

In order to lay before you, in the most compact form, the exact condition of the Churches and Missions the Convention is aiding, the secretary has prepared the table which we herewith submit, and to which we would call your special attention.

It will be noticed that **four** churches and **one mission**, which appeared on last year's table are not found on this. The **Rowayton** and **Plainville** churches have become self-supporting. The former, also, through the generosity of the late Russell Jennings, has been provided with a commodious parsonage. The **White Hills** church has not been able to secure a Pastor, and has received no aid this year. **Calvary Church, Norwich**, though it has applied for aid, has been in a somewhat unsettled state and no appropriation has been made to it. The **French Mission**, in Putnam, since the removal of W. H. Dalpè to Grand Ligne, Canada, has been temporarily suspended. The need for this mission is, however, as urgent as it ever has been; and, as soon as a qualified French missionary can be secured, the mission ought to be resumed. It is gratifying to be able to record that the church at **New Canaan** has fulfilled its pledge, and, after receiving help for one year, since July 15th, has been self-supporting.

The vacant places have, however, all been filled. **Andover, Bloomfield** and **West Woodstock**, have been obliged to ask, and have received assistance. These churches occupy important fields, and are in charge

Summary of Reports from Churches and Missions.

CHURCHES AND MISSIONS.	PASTORS OR MISSIONARIES.	Quarters Aided	Baptisms.	Received by Letter.	Sermons Preached.	Pastoral Visits.	Total of Members.	Received for Home Expenses.	Paid in Benevolence.	Pastors Salary exclusive of Convention.	Received from Convention.	Extra Payments made on Field.
New Canaan,.....	E. C. Sage,.....	2	5	8	46	604	44	\$343.50	\$65.00	.....	\$100.00	.....
E. Bridgeport, Ger.,...	Wm. Ritzmann,....	4	10	12	131	515	30	349.02	35.38	.....	200.00	\$220.00 on Lot.
Shelton,.....	J. G. Dimars,.....	4	10	12	125	515	97	804.66	59.90	\$400.00	300.00	300.00 on Debt.
Waterbury, Ger.,.....	C. A. Daniel,.....	1 1/4	0	1	28	250	10	73.70	10.00	.....	62.50	.....
Cornwall Hollow,.....	E. B. Elmer,.....	4	0	0	45	52	45	94.60	2.00	.....	.....	.....
Bantam,.....	E. B. Elmer,.....	4	0	2	65	185	57	407.00	19.50	.....	50.00	.....
College Street,.....	E. B. Elmer,.....	4	0	0	52	64	56	195.00	11.60	182.00	50.00	.....
North Colebrook,.....	G. W. Remington,...	4	0	9	44	115	25	47.00	7.00	400.00	40.00	.....
South Colebrook,.....	G. W. Remington,...	4	1	0	39	24	61	105.00	10.00	.....	40.00	.....
New Britain, Ger.,.....	John Gaeger,.....	4	2	10	118	420	56	490.00	22.10	600.00	100.00	400.00 on Debt.
New Britain, Swede,...	A. F. Borgendahl,...	4	28	6	195	501	53	*212.46	28.76	330.00	100.00	1,500.00 on Debt.
Hartford Memorial,...	H. M. Thompson,...	4	5	11	.....	.....	141	*1,400.00	.....	1,200.00	400.00	.....
New Hartford,.....	F. Spencer,.....	4	2	.....	104	.....	75	*344.84	14.76	500.00	250.00	.....
Rockville,.....	A. M. Wilson, } E. W. Potter,.....	4	4	5	95	113	75	696.08	42.99	500.00	200.00	.....
Pequonnoc Bridge,.....	C. E. Tullar,.....	4	0	0	72	40	106	299.89	20.50	.....	80.00	.....
Sterling,.....	E. S. Hill,.....	4	2	0	60	304	95	*338.47	9.00	400.00	100.00	250.00 for Repairs.
North Stonington,.....	D. F. Chapman,....	4	1	0	113	150	79	14.02	2.50	.....	100.00	345.00 for Repairs.
Tolland,.....	B. J. Savage, } H. B. Hutchins, }	4	5	0	51	285	69	452.00	.....	.....	125.00	.....
Spring Hill,.....	J. W. Brigham,....	3 }	0	1	46	238	87	282.95	49.68	300.00	100.00	50.00 Evangelist.
Eastford,.....	W. T. Rice,.....	1 }	4	1	86	179	68	270.00	78.00	.....	100.00	35.00 Evangelist.
Moodus,.....	Asa Randlett,.....	4	3	1	99	300	97	610.00	27.72	450.00	175.00	.....
Andover,.....	F. W. Kneeland,...	4	3	0	99	300	97	610.00	27.72	450.00	175.00	.....
Bloomfield,.....	B. J. Savage,.....	2	0	2	28	100	71	172.26	19.85	.....	50.00	.....
West Woodstock,.....	B. B. Gibbs,.....	3	1	1	63	85	76	254.00	.....	.....	25.00	.....
New Haven, Swede,...	J. D. Graham,.....	2	8	5	209	1,356	63	545.00	54.00	.....	150.00	.....
New Haven, Dane,....	K. Newquist,.....	4	1	0	44	98	17	295.65	11.10	.....	75.00	.....
26 Churches.	C. Andreason,.....	2	75	73	1,958	14,938	1,654	\$8,097.10	\$600.74	.....	\$2,997.50	\$3,100.00

of good pastors. It is hoped that their financial embarrassment will be but temporary. The **New Haven, Danish**, a devoted, self-sacrificing Band of Brothers, have endeavored, for the last two years, to establish themselves. Your Board united with the Home Mission Society in paying a small salary, for the summer months, to their missionary, Bro. C. Andreassen, who has labored very faithfully among his countrymen in New Haven and several other places. In all probability the church will now be united as a Branch to one of the larger churches, and no further appropriations will be made, for the present, to this work. The **Moodus Church**, also, has been added to the list of mission churches. This church has received the interest on the entire Cone legacy the past year. Your Board consented to this appropriation reluctantly, and only because it seemed necessary to keep the present efficient Pastor on the field. The church has, however, expended several hundred dollars in improvements upon their house of worship. With some elements of weakness in this church, there is yet promise of better things. Rev. F. Spencer resigned the charge of the **New Hartford Church** in the early summer, and Rev. A. M. Wilson, a post graduate in the Yale Divinity School, was sent there as temporary supply. In preaching, visiting and Bible teaching, he gave most thorough satisfaction to the church. At the close of Mr. Wilson's term of service Bro. Spencer, who had not removed from the parsonage, was again called to the pastorate. Your Board, at its April meeting, authorized the Finance Committee to release this church from its obligation to the Convention for money spent in building the parsonage. It will be remembered that the church has no real title to this building, standing, as it does, upon ground owned by the Convention. The church building is in a very unsatisfactory condition, requiring extensive repairs. Rev. B. J. Savage left the **Tolland Church** in April, and settled in Andover. The Acting Superintendent of Missions sent Bro. H. B. Hutchins to labor with the church during his summer vacation. This brother at once met with a warm welcome, and his labors have been greatly blessed. Five have been added to the church by baptism, the last of these a prominent and highly esteemed citizen. The church is greatly strengthened and encouraged. They will still need the help of the Convention; but if a good pastor can be secured there are people enough in the village, and especially in the large outlying districts, to build up once more, with God's blessing, a strong self-sustaining church. The **Chesterfield Church** has applied for aid.

The **German Missions** have continued to prosper. The Brethren in **East Bridgeport**, with the advice of your Board, have purchased an eligible site for a chapel. One thousand dollars have been paid on the property, and the title is vested in the Convention. This enterprise is earnestly commended to the churches, but with the proviso that they should not lessen their gifts to the general work of the Convention. Bro. Ritzmann writes very encouragingly. His little band of thirty members, all poor, have raised for all purposes, over \$700. They have also organized a successful Mission Sunday School in West Stratford. You may hear more fully from him, in

person, during the session of the Convention. The Board has fulfilled its pledge, made two years since, to the German Brethren in **Waterbury**, and is aiding in the support of Rev. C. A. Daniel, a young man of marked ability, and full of zeal for the Lord. The cause there is looking up, and we have reason to expect good results. On August 13th, after careful deliberation by an able council, the German Brethren in **Seymour** were organized into a church. This church is ably served, without any charge upon the Convention, by a consecrated layman, Bro. Wm. O. Berge, who, like Alexander, is a coppersmith, and like Paul, labors with his own hands for his support that he may not be chargeable to the church. Rev. John Jaeger continues in charge of the **New Britain** German Church, and retains the confidence of his brethren. This church has raised \$400 towards the debt on its house of worship.

The **Swedish Churches** report commendable progress. The **New Haven** Church has leased a comfortable chapel, and their congregations are steadily increasing. A disagreement between the brethren has impeded their advance; yet we believe harmony will be restored. Among the more than a thousand Swedes in that city, there is room, and imperative need for this church. The **New Britain** church has steadily increased in numbers. Their pastor, Rev. A. F. Borgendahl, has been abundant in work, at Meriden, Bristol, and other points. He has the confidence of all who know him, and his recent determination to leave the field is greatly regretted. A new pastor, Rev. Nils Ek, has just been called to serve the church in **Bridgeport**, and the Board pledged itself, at the April meeting, to aid in his support; nothing has yet been actually appropriated. The Swedes in **Meriden** are organized for work, under an efficient pastor, and are looking to the Meriden churches for assistance. In **Hartford** also steps have been taken to form a Swedish church. The Associated Swedish Churches of the United States have appointed Rev. Mr. Lindh as Superintendent of Missions for New England. Working with him your Board may hope to enlarge and systematize the work among this interesting people, who are crowding, in such numbers, into our cities and villages. Many of them come to this country members of Baptist churches in Sweden, and so prepared to form the nuclei of prosperous missions among their countrymen.

Your Board is glad to report the continued advance made by the **Shelton** and **Rockville** Churches under the leadership of their young and able pastors. Pastor Ditmars has received an accession of twenty-two members, ten of them by baptism. He is aggressive, and at the same time judicious. Pastor Potter and his church entertained, last week, the Hartford Association. A little more patient continuance in well doing, on the part of these pastors—the Convention not withholding its assistance—and we may confidently expect these churches will not only provide for their own wants, but will also be “succorers of others.”

The most important work which your Board has undertaken, the past year, remains to be spoken of. The Executive Committee, at its October meeting, agreed with Mr. Ebenezer Morgan for the purchase of the property then and

since occupied by the **Memorial Church** of Hartford. The stipulated price was \$8,000, Mr. Morgan reserving a claim of \$1,000 more, for which he was to receive no evidence of indebtedness, and which he was not to ask for until the church had been put into possession of the property, and every other debt had been paid. The record—made by the Secretary at the time, and read and approved—of the final action of the Executive Committee is as follows: "*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, in behalf of the Connecticut Baptist Convention, do purchase of Captain Ebenezer Morgan the property now owned by him, and located on the corner of Washington Avenue and Jefferson street, said property being now occupied by the Memorial Baptist Church, at the price of \$8,000, Capt. E. Morgan to give a clear and unclouded title to the same." It will be seen that in this resolution no mention is made of the one thousand dollar claim; it being clearly understood that the payment of it might or might not be urged. Your Board is careful to make this statement a matter of public record to avoid any possible misunderstanding. At the same meeting the late Deacon James Lockwood generously offered \$1,000 towards the payment for the property. The Treasurer, Mr. W. F. Walker, together with Mr. James Lockwood and Rev. C. A. Piddock, were appointed a committee to receive the property and execute a mortgage for \$7,000. The transfer was subsequently made. The property is now in possession of the Convention.

This movement infused new life into the Memorial Church, which began at once a vigorous effort towards raising the full amount of the mortgage. On August 12th the church called Rev. H. M. Thompson, in whom they are most happily united. The mortgage is already reduced by the amount of \$1,000, and perhaps before this report reaches the Convention an additional thousand will have been paid. The Pastor writes, "We are carrying a crushing burden, but there is no flinching. If the debt were off, the running of the church finances would be a simple matter." Your Board does not expect that this self-sacrificing band of brethren will continue every year to do as much as this year. The Baptists of the State, and especially those of this city in which you are gathered, have reason to be proud of the record which the **Memorial Church** is making for itself, and will not suffer it to be burdened over much.

Your Board would make grateful and appreciate mention, as it is right in the line of Domestic Mission work, of the completion and dedication within the year of the **Hope Chapel** mission building in the City of New Haven. This tasteful and commodious chapel was built entirely at the charges of Prof. and Mrs. Francis Wayland, at an expense of \$8,000. A large Sunday School is held there under the superintendence of Mr. S. O. Preston. The interest is a mission of the First Church, and is in very successful operation, in charge of Rev. J. W. Payne, assistant pastor of the First Church. The Calvary Church has also a chapel and mission on **Howard Avenue**, now in charge of Mr. A. S. Phelps. In these two missions we are permitted to see the promise of two additional churches in the City of New Haven.

Your Board has to report that at the time of writing this no decision has been reached in the matter of appointing a **Superintendent of Missions** in place of Rev. C. A. Piddock. One Brother whom the Board unanimously chose could not be persuaded to accept the position. The Secretary has been in correspondence with several parties. Two or three names are to be brought before the Board at its final session, and it is to be hoped some conclusion can be reached which the Convention will be asked to ratify.

FINANCES.

It will be remembered that while a cash balance was reported, last year, of \$262.95, there was a note outstanding for \$1,500, which left a deficit in the year's expenses of \$1,237.05. But that year appropriations were paid for five quarters instead of for four. There was also a payment of \$600 to the Rockville Church and an additional expense, above that of previous years, for the Superintendence. This year your Board confidently expected that the churches would add largely to their contributions, so that the note might be cancelled, the ordinary appropriations be paid the churches, one or more additional missionaries be put on the field, and your Board free to enter upon one at least of the new enterprises which invite and demand our attention.

On December 1st the Superintendent and Secretary sent a circular letter to the Pastors—as the By-Laws require—stating the needs of the Convention. They asked for \$6,000. They invited responses, and pledges of the amounts which each church would endeavor to raise for Domestic Missions. They also urged that payments be made early in the year, thus saving embarrassment to the Treasurer, and interest money to the Convention. The responses to this circular were very few. Appeals have also, from time to time, been made through the columns of the Christian Secretary, and by private interviews and correspondence. Only in a few instances has any officer of the Board presented the cause of Domestic Missions before the churches. For the last six months there has been no Superintendent other than our Secretary—himself a pastor. But, while we had a salaried Superintendent, his time—Sundays especially—was necessarily spent with the Mission Churches. The raising of money must always depend upon the Pastors.

Though your Board, two thirds of whom are pastors, may seem to be condemning themselves—truth requires it to be said, that the Pastors as well as the Churches, are strangely indifferent to the claims of the Convention. It is so near home that it is overlooked. Perhaps it is because the collecting agencies of other missionary organizations are so numerous and so industriously worked. Whatever the cause, Domestic Missions certainly do not receive the proportion of the benefactions of many of our churches, which the nature, and extent, and results of the work accomplished demand. Of the \$33,000 given by our churches, last year, in benevolence, no one will say that the \$2,800 devoted to the work of the Convention is a just moiety. This year we fear the disproportion will be as great. A church which reports

a membership of over 600—and \$323 given in benevolence—sends \$32 to your treasury. Another church—and one of our most liberal churches—gives, in charity \$1,023 and sends to the Convention \$71.14.

An abstract from the Report of the Treasurer, made up to Oct. 5th, is herewith submitted:

RECEIPTS.	
From Churches,	\$1,814.28
“ Individuals,	1,658.00
“ S. Schools,	89.47
“ Funds,	1,067.94
“ Farm in Illinois,	485.02
“ Bequest,	870.00
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	\$5,984.71
Balance from last year,	262.95
For Minutes,	176.10
Loans from Mortgages, etc.,	11,410.12
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Total,	\$17,833.88
All payments to Oct. 5th,	17,415.42
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On hand Oct. 5th,	\$418.46

To pay the appropriations for this Quarter nearly \$800 will be required, as the books are not closed, and three of our liberal churches are yet to be heard from, we may hope that there will be no additional deficit this year. But the brethren of the churches can readily see your Board cannot enter upon any new enterprises, demanding larger outlay, till they are assured that a more liberal policy towards the Convention will prevail in the future.

The preparation of the obituary notices which usually accompany this Report having been entrusted to a committee raised on the floor of the Convention no reference is made other than incidental to our esteemed Brother James Lockwood. Ample justice will be done to his memory during the session of the Convention. We request that the secretary be allowed to add, in the minutes, the list of changes in the ministry, ordinations, and other items of general interest.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PHILIP S. EVANS,

Secretary.

Pending the adoption of the report, Rev. Mr. Garton of Meriden called the attention of the convention to the fact that a good deal was done by the churches in the line of Domestic Mission work which did not appear in the Report of the Board, or in the transactions of the Convention. In Meriden several hundred dollars had been given in aid of the Swede church. Rev. Mr. Garner of Bridgeport also spoke of the contributions by the First church and the East Bridgeport towards the purchase of a lot for the use of the German Mission.

Rev. D. W. McKinney of Ansonia, said his church had given little to Domestic Missions, directly, but had made a heroic and successful effort towards the payment of a \$3,000 mortgage on their house of worship.

The report was then accepted and ordered printed in the minutes.

The Treasurer then made his report, which showed that up to Oct. 15th, there was a balance due the Treasurer of \$35.24 on the current expenses of the year, and the note for \$1,500 made last year had not been taken up. The report of the Treasurer was accepted, and it was

Voted, That the Treasurer make a supplementary report of what money might be paid during the session of the Convention.

[The report of the Treasurer is found at the close of these minutes.]

Rev. J. R. Stubbert in behalf of the committee on nomination of officers reported recommending the re-election of the present incumbents. Report accepted.

The President appointed as Tellers, Rev. J. G. Ditmars, Rev. J. Naylor, Rev. B. J. Savage. The Convention then proceeded to ballot, and the Tellers reported 65 ballots for the nominees of the committee, who were then declared elected, viz:

President, HON. FRANCIS WAYLAND.

Vice-President, HON. JAMES W. MANNING.

Treasurer, WM. F. WALKER, Esq.

Auditor, A. J. CROFUT, Esq.

Secretary, REV. PHILIP S. EVANS.

The committee on nomination of Trustee reported through Rev. W. H. Butrick.

Your committee respectfully recommend the following appointments:

"For one year, in place of A. J. Crofut, who, as auditor, is *ex officio* a member, Rev. C. A. Piddock."

"For two years, in place of Dea. James Lockwood deceased, Mr. E. V. Preston."

"For three years, Rev. J. R. Stubbert, Rev. W. H. Butrick, Rev. A. E. Reynolds, Rev. P. A. Nordell, D.D., Rev. W. G. Fennell, Rev. E. M. Poteat, Rev. J. W. Richardson, Mr. Ebenezer Morgan, Mr. Willis S. Bronson, Mr. A. J. Shipley, Mr. Jabez Amsbury.

A. J. CROFUT,	} Committee.
J. W. MANNING,	
G. M. STONE,	
W. H. BUTRICK,	
P. A. NORDELL,	

Report adopted.

Voted, That the chairman of the Nominating Committee be instructed to cast a ballot for the nominees, who were then declared elected.

After announcements by the committee of entertainment, and prayer, the convention adjourned to 2.30 P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Convention was called to order at 2:45 o'clock, and prayer was offered by Rev. W. H. Butrick.

The President announced the following committees to serve for next year:

On Nomination of Trustees—Hon. James W. Manning, Rev. J. J. Cooper, Rev. Geo. H. Jackson, Rev. E. C. Miller, Rev. F. F. Spencer.

On New Churches—Rev. J. P. Brown, Rev. Joseph Butterworth, Rev. B. B. Gibbs, Rev. A. A. Robinson, Rev. E. W. Potter, Rev. E. W. Rice.

On Sunday Schools—Mr. A. B. Ryan, Mr. Giles Potter, Mr. J. L. Denison, Rev. J. F. Temple, Rev. Geo. H. Lester, Mr. Asa M. Thayer.

On Obituaries—Rev. E. P. Bond, Rev. S. D. Phelps, Mr. W. S. Bronson, Rev. W. L. Swan, Rev. J. D. Cromley, Rev. E. B. Elmer.

Rev. C. H. Spalding then addressed the Convention on the claims of the American Baptist Publication Society:

“This Society is the pioneer in all of our Home Mission work, and in very much of our Foreign Mission work. Its mission is like that of John the Baptist, a mere forerunner for these greater societies, and it was content to remain so provided only the churches would give it a just share of their benefactions and their prayers. * * It is the only Sunday School Society, and the only Bible Society of the denomination; and is doing, in these directions, a great and indispensable work, deserving, as it receives, the confidence of the churches.

Rev. Frederick Meyer, of New Haven, spoke on “Work Among the Germans.”

“In the days of Napoleon the Great it was wittily said ‘the land belonged to the Frenchmen—the water, to the Englishmen, and the air, to that nation of thinkers, the Germans.’ Well, since then things have changed, and little France has been forced to see that the nation they tried to crowd out will have a little land to do its thinking upon. Not only has Germany extended its boundaries, the Fatherland is becoming too small for its inhabitants. Germany has become an emigrating and colonizing nation. There are at this day 50,000 Germans in this State, of this number only about 350 are known to be Baptists. But there are signs of a hopeful advance. The little Band in Bridgeport, under Bro. Ritzmann, is prospering. In Seymour they are just starting a self-supporting church. In Waterbury and in New Britain good work is being done. In this State there are now seven men in the ministry. We have sent a German Missionary to India. There are others preparing for the ministry at Home and for Missionary work abroad. The Germans in this State need Christ, and Christ can use the Germans.”

Rev. C. A. Daniel, German preacher in Waterbury, spoke of his work there:

“Amid many discouragements there are cheering signs of progress. A few years of patient labor among the very many Germans in Waterbury must certainly result in building up a strong church.

Rev. J. G. Ditmars, of Shelton, spoke to the theme—"How the Convention helps churches to help themselves:"

"I bring to you the greetings of the church that stands in a double relation to this Convention. It is one of your youngest daughters, and—as itself an offset of the Ansonia Church—your youngest grand-daughter as well. There may be churches that are helped beyond measure—so that they become dependent churches. I do not think this can be said of the church I am serving. * * Without the help the Convention has given us we could have done nothing. With it we have already done much, and may reasonably hope soon to get along without any help. It will then be our chief aim to help others. We had the pleasure of admitting to our membership, a few weeks ago, a young man who gives promise of being a useful and able servant of Christ. I shall be surprised if the churches do not soon hear from him. * * The sympathy and love that have come to our church have been a greater help to us than the money you have given, useful as that has been."

Rev. W. H. Butrick then spoke to the topic "The Possibilities of the Convention."

"The Convention work is not one kind of work merely, but embraces several distinct departments. The original idea in the organization of the Convention was that the stronger churches like those in Meriden, Hartford, New Haven, New London and Norwich, should help the weaker ones in the Hill Towns. But new centers of population have sprung up, one after another, where it is necessary we should establish new churches. In these rapidly growing manufacturing centers it is not merely a question of denominational loyalty, but of christian obligation. We, as Baptists, should do our part in providing the gospel for those who would, otherwise, be destitute of it. There is an abundance of room in these places without any unneighborly crowding. * * And, then, there are increasing numbers of foreigners coming into our State. Germans and Scandinavians and French. They all need the gospel and must have it if they are to prove of service to us in our commonwealth. We may reckon our colored brethren as, in a measure, foreigners among us. The missions among these foreign-born must be cared for by the Convention. We have done something. Much more awaits our doing. We have not yet fully measured our resources. These three departments of work, help to our smaller country churches, the planting of new churches in the rising manufacturing villages, and mission work among the foreign-born brought promptly before our people and kept before them, there would be no lack of money for the Lord's service. We may say of those New England States what they say of the Great West, that what is needed to be done must be done now. If the men of this generation are to be saved for Christ, it must be by the men and the money of this generation." "For my part," said the speaker "I do not believe in accumulating funds, and paying out only the interest as it were from a dead man's hand. Such money is likely to be as dead as the hand that doles it out. We need living money from living

hands, and loving, praying hearts behind it. We should not want the Lord to come and find we had hoarded up funds which ought to have been spent." "It is good business policy to put these funds into churches and christian enterprise that shall bring in a yearly revenue of souls converted, and saints edified, rather than to invest them in western mortgages that shrink 70 per cent. in seven years. * * The responsibility is upon us now. Let us rise to it in the spirit of loyalty to Christ and love to men."

Rev. M. G. Coker of Willimantic, then spoke to the theme "Unity in interest of the Baptist Churches of the State."

"I assume, for the sake of argument, that there is need of a closer unity among our churches—of course—being a very recent comer among you I cannot speak from my own experience, but speaking only on general principles it is safe to say that the somewhat excessive independence of our churches tends to isolate us too much. It is ours to proclaim the truth in our own fields, and to help to proclaim it everywhere. We owe it then to all who have the same mission to encourage them in every possible way. Any church that becomes self-contained, self-absorbed, thinking only of its own interests, is ringing its death knell. * * It is only so far as we seek to help others, that we ourselves are blessed to any great extent. The present condition of our State work demands that we maintain a closer union with one another. * * We can only stand as we stand for one another, and with one another.

Rev. Kittridge Wheeler then addressed the Convention in behalf of denominational literature, and especially of the Christian Secretary, which he heartily commended to all Baptist families as a reliable exponent of our principles, a chronicle of news from our churches, and a valuable educating influence.

Rev. Dr. Miner spoke very feelingly in behalf of the Ministers' Home, in West Farms, N. Y.:

"Eight persons, who have been most useful and honored servants of Christ in Connecticut, are receiving aid; others have applied. There is urgent need for enlargement of our means. One man writes me, and his application is signed by five pastors—'I have no coal nor wood; I have nothing to purchase supplies with. Unless I am speedily helped I must go to the County House.' Of course we shall not let him go. We have taken one aged minister from a poor-house in the State of New York."

A little later in the session Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., chairman of a committee on the Ministers' Home, appointed by the Ministers' Conference, presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we earnestly commend the Baptist Ministers' Home, of West Farms, N. Y., to the churches of our denomination in this State.

Resolved, That we take measures to secure one contribution, on Communion Sunday, each year for this object.

Resolved, That our approval of the above resolutions shall have, to us, the sacredness of a pledge to the objects designated in them.

President Wayland vacated the chair, which was taken by Hon. J. W. Manning. Rev. A. G. Palmer, D. D., read the report of the Committee on Obituaries which was adopted, and ordered on the minutes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

If our Obituary Report were to embrace all who have died the past year, in the churches of this body, the record would be very large. How large we cannot even approximately judge; for death has made heavy draughts, both of the old and young, cutting down strong men and women, putting out "bright and shining lights," bereaving us of fathers, and mothers in Israel, of pastors and deacons, and Sabbath School workers, and shrouding our domestic and sanctuary altars with the emblems of bereavement and sorrow. The chairs of parentage at our hearthstones are vacant; pulpits that but yesterday spoke to us through lips eloquent with the wisdom of age, and the sanctified fruitfulness of a long Christian experience, are silent; and deacons, whose hands, from month to month, have borne to us the sacred memorials of the Savior's love have gone within the veil, and are hidden from our view forever. Of all these we can notice only a few that have been most prominent in our church work.

Wm. P. Benjamin, Deacon of the First Church, New London, died Dec. 11th, 1887. He was a man of fine physique, of good natural abilities, of evangelical experience, and a positive faith, and dutiful in all church relations. He was, in his younger manhood, identified with Elder Swan, in his revival work in New London and Eastern Connecticut; and his piety, through life, bore the "character," or stamp of that pentecostal dispensation. He was a good man, and "beloved in the Lord." He used the office of a deacon well, and "purchased to himself a good degree, and great boldness in the faith."

Dea. John Gallup, of Preston, died Jan. 1st, 1888, aged 69. He was a pillar in the Temple of the Lord. His presence will be greatly missed at the meetings of the Stonington Union Association, which he always attended. His death makes a breach in the church at Preston City, not easily filled, "Help Lord, for the godly man ceaseth, and the righteous fail from among the children of men."

Dea. Joseph Winship died July 23d, '88, aged 78. He was for many years the beloved servant of the South Baptist church, Hartford.

Dea. Joseph Gates died Aug. 14th, '88. He was born in England, and

had been 45 years in this country, and for many years one of the strong supporters of the Baptist church in Tariffville.

Hon. John Candee died Feb. 27th, '88, aged 63. He was an honorable citizen, an able and successful journalist, and a prominent, highly esteemed member of the First church, Bridgeport.

Hon. R. C. Hooper of Montville, died August 16th, 1888, aged 55. He was an upright business man, a trusted honored citizen, an intelligent christian, ready to every good work. His death is a sore bereavement to his deeply afflicted family, and to the church of which he was a useful and beloved member.

Dea. James Lockwood, of the Asylum Ave. church, Hartford, died Jan. 13, 1888, aged 74. Rev. T. A. T. Hanna, late Superintendent of Missions, speaks of this dear brother in words so lovingly befitting that we gladly transfer them to the memorial page.

"The passing away to the better land of our friend and brother, deacon James Lockwood, is a providence that may well occupy the solemn thought of all those who knew him. I, of course, did not know him so well in the social or domestic relation as in his official service as treasurer of the Baptist Convention. The amount of patient, plodding, faithful work he did, during his long term of office; the precious time he took from pressing business cares, to give to this cause were proofs of his sincere love to it. He was a buckler to the Convention in many ways; one of which was, that he would never consent to let the treasury borrow money. Whenever he made an exception to this rule, it was when he lent the money himself.

We ministers who are talkers by profession, have much to learn from the men who cannot talk, but who labor faithfully, act wisely, and believe simply. Such a man Mr. Lockwood seemed to me to be. I never knew of his threatening to resign his office in the State Mission work but on one occasion, and that was when it was proposed to go into debt. He himself was, I suppose, an instance of the need of supporting feeble churches, as his early life was passed in Wethersfield, which has had for many years a struggling but faithful Baptist church. May God raise up many more men of the solid character of brother Lockwood."

He was indeed a good christian man, endowed with strong, practical, business sense, which he laid, with a whole hearted devotion, but with an utter unconsciousness of its value upon the altar of God. His strong, honest, saintly face in our councils was ever a benediction, and a pledge of wisdom and unflinching strength.

Dea. Aaron Ambler died at South Wilton, Aug. 26, 1888, aged 74. He was born in Redding, Ct., Feb., 1814. In 1841 he was baptized into the First Church, Norwalk. In 1850 he was elected one of its deacons, and, at the time of his death, was the senior member of the Board. From the laying of the foundation stone of the church, to within the past four years, when laid aside by failing health, he has been actively interested both in the temporal necessities and the spiritual development of his church home.

Rev. Stephen B. Page, died in Cleveland, Ohio, March 14, 1888, aged 70.

He had formerly been a pastor in this State, but so long since that few of us remember him.

Rev. C. F. Gordon, who served for some time the church in Cornwall Hollow, died—a young man—in Baltimore, April 26. He was an earnest and devoted minister, much beloved by all who knew him.

Rev. Percival Matthewson died in Woodstock, Ct., Feb. 27, aged 74. His ministry had been mostly confined to churches within the Ashford Association. His record in that association is most excellent. The later years of his life he has been a very efficient member of the Woodstock church—and a most useful helper to their pastors. Rev. Percival Matthewson, the intelligent and most esteemed pastor of the First Church, Hopkinton, R. I., is his son.

Rev. Anthony A. Dimock, died in Elizabeth, N. J., March 21, aged 69. He was born in Nova Scotia. His father and grandfather were pioneer ministers in that Province, and men of more than ordinary ability and influence. He married a grand-daughter of Elder Valentine Wightman—one of the earlier pastors of the Stonington church. Mr. Dimock was an earnest Christian man, and a most acceptable preacher. He was tenderly cared for by his sons in his advanced years.

Rev. Russell Jennings died in Deep River, March 8, 1888. He was born in the Town of Groton, Ct., Feb. 12, 1800, synchronizing nearly with the opening of the 19th century. He was converted and baptized in his early manhood, and at once entered upon study, preparatory to the Christian ministry, first in the Baptist Literary and Theological Institution at Hamilton, N. Y., now Madison University, but finished his course at the Theological Seminary, Newton, Mass. After graduating he became successively pastor of churches at Wintthrop, Meriden, Waterbury, Norwich and Deep River. Subsequently he supplied destitute churches, especially those that were not able to pay full salaries. These volunteer services were very acceptable, often procuring revivals, in which the churches were greatly strengthened.

In 1855 he was called to engage in business providentially thrown upon his hands, and was greatly prospered therein. His charity was enlarged, keeping pace with his increasing income. He liberally aided the poor, and took especial delight in helping the small country churches. Many of these, toward the close of his life, he so liberally endowed, that they will have, in perpetuity, an encouraging annual income towards a pastor's support. He also encouraged them by generous gifts towards new and improved houses of worship, and the building of parsonages. These will stand, in various parts of the State, through coming generations, as memorials equally of the munificence and wisdom of his character.

At length, with advancing years, and the infirmities of age, he resigned the active management of his extensive business to other hands, and allowed himself leisure for his favorite intellectual pursuit, the critical study of the scriptures in their original tongues. These studies, especially the study of the Greek New Testament, he pursued with the enthusiasm of a great love, until the failure of his sight compelled him to relinquish it. Even then it

was his delight when a minister visited him to read with him difficult and disputed passages, and give his critical annotations, which, for the most part, were very original and suggestive. But his last thoughts were for the welfare of the churches. They will miss his annual benefactions, and his patriarchal care.

"The Fathers, where are they? and the Prophets, do they live for ever?" The Wightmans, Miners, Palmers, Wilcoxes, Shailers, Wildmans, Cushman, Swans, Walkers, Turnbolls, Ives!!! These all look down upon us to-day from their seats in glory, and encourage us to "run with patience, the race set before us, looking unto Jesus," under whose leadership we are well "able to go up and possess the land."

How befitting the prayer of Moses. "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." "Return, O Lord, let it repent Thee concerning thy servants. O satisfy us early with thy mercies that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us."

Mr. A. B. Ryan, chairman of Committee on Sunday Schools, made the following

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

"The value and importance of the Sunday School as a department of church work has come to be so generally recognized that it requires only that we should urge upon the Baptists of the State the importance of prosecuting the work vigorously. In reviewing the work of the past year we regret that there are so many schools that have failed to report their statistics early enough to enable us to make a full report. We would urge upon our schools the importance of reliable statistics, as without them, only imperfect plans for the general good can be devised.

The number of schools whose reports are now before the Committee is 89, out of a total of 139. From these schools we have the encouraging report of 405 baptized into our churches. As there are, probably, also baptisms in the same proportion among the remaining schools, we should be especially grateful for this encouraging feature of our work.

We would also call especial attention to the benevolent contributions of the schools. While there are many that report nothing, yet we are pleased to announce that 46 schools report \$2,789.52, as given in benevolence. We would urge the schools that have as yet taken no part in this work, to do so at once, as we believe it will result in increased blessings to them, and to our whole work. We are also pleased to report that 25 out of the 89, report an increase in their average attendance, some of them reporting large gains in this particular.

Some of our schools have not quite held their own. We do not know the reason for this decline in every instance, but would urge renewed efforts, which will surely result in enlarged blessings.

It appears from the reports that 33½ per cent. only of our members are engaged in Sunday School work. We would recommend that a special effort be made this coming year to interest the entire membership in the systematic study of God's word. We should be careful that only such truths as are taught in God's word be presented in our schools. We would, therefore, recommend that as far as possible, our schools should use the literature of our own Publication Society. We believe that anything saved in cost, by buying cheaper helps, will be more than lost in influence, against the truth, which other publications will exert. We recommend that we be not weary in well doing, but that, with increased vigor and faith in the Divine promise, "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." We prosecute our work with added zeal.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. RYAN,	} Committee.
J. F. TEMPLE,	
D. C. EASTON,	
L. M. PURINGTON,	

After additional remarks by Bro. Ryan and by Rev. C. A. Piddock, the report was accepted and ordered spread upon the minutes.

Rev. P. G. Wightman led in prayer, and the Convention adjourned to 7.30.

TUESDAY EVENING.

At 6.45 a praise and prayer service was held, led by Rev. W. L. Swan.

At 7.30 the Convention was called to order by the President.

Rev. H. M. Thompson then read the seventeenth Annual Report of the

CONNECTICUT BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

The past year has been marked by many changes in the organization of our Home Mission Society.

The position of Vice-President remained vacant for many months after Mrs. Genung's departure from the State. With great self-sacrifice did the senior director, Mrs. Preston, consent to serve as acting Vice-President until some one should be found willing to take up this work. It was not until after the annual meeting in April that the present incumbent, with much shrinking, and under the weight of a supreme sorrow, was led to assume the duties of the position.

Three directors remain the same as last year, the other three having been obliged to resign, and their places only very recently having been filled. So great changes might be expected to have interfered with the best results, but notwithstanding, we are able to report increased interest, new workers, and larger contributions. We gladly make mention of our gratitude to all that noble band of women, who, in any capacity, have been faithful to the interests of the Society through this critical year of its history.

Encouraging reports have come from all the Associations.

Mrs. Preston, who has served as Director from the formation of this Society, sends very cheering words from Ashford Association. Under her faithful care, the work here has steadily grown from the commencement, and she feels that her labors have been greatly blessed of the Lord. The increase of contributions over those of last year has been \$108.23, showing plainly the growing interest in the work. A very interesting meeting was held in connection with that of the Association, which met this year at Brooklyn, and so much interest was developed that a second meeting was held on the following day. Mrs. Elwell of Burma, who realizes the great need of Home Mission work among the Pagans coming to our own shores, gave a short address, as well as Mrs. Stiles of Putnam, and Mrs. Savage of Andover.

Stonington Mission Association was without a Director for the first part of the year, Mrs. Smith of Groton taking up the work in the early spring. In May, a basket meeting was held with the Groton Heights Baptist Church. The day was unfavorable, preventing as large an attendance as was desired, but the meeting was helpful and inspiring to those who were present. Mrs. Reynolds presented the claims of the work, and we trust we shall see some good results during the coming year from the influences of this meeting. The increase of contributions in this Association is about \$50. Mrs. Smith has felt that she could not go on with the work, and Mrs. Hastings of Jewett City has been appointed her successor.

In New London Association, out of twenty churches twelve report in contributing relations to our society. In March a basket meeting was held with the First Church at New London, addressed by Mrs. Reynolds and Miss Merriam. Also on the regular programme of the meeting of this Association at Niantic, place was given for the presentation of our work by Miss Merriam. This courtesy was also accorded us at Danbury at the meeting of the Fairfield Association. We were very sorry to accept the resignation of Mrs. Saunders as director of New London Association, who has proved herself a very efficient worker. Her place has been filled by Mrs. Palmer of Montville. Fairfield Association under the wise leadership of Mrs. Silliman is doing nobly in the work. The Stamford Church has been added to the number of circles in this Association, and has proved a very helpful auxiliary. In New Haven Association Mrs. Smith of Waterbury has labored with great self-sacrifice and devotion, and is able to report an increase of \$70 in the contributions of the churches. Our basket meeting was held in Southington with good results. Hartford Association has much that is encouraging to report, the contributions exceeding those of last year by \$139.50. But we feel that

there is much ground yet to be covered. Two of the smaller churches have reported an average of more than \$1 per member, making a record worthy of emulation by the larger churches. Especially would we mention the church at Rainbow, which with only thirteen lady resident members, has sent during the year \$25 to our treasury. Our basket meeting was held at Wethersfield, which was much enjoyed by those able to be present. Mrs. Corbin of Hartford has accepted the directorship of this Association. Oct. 10, at Rockville, by the courtesy of the Association, time was given the society to bring its special work forward. Miss Merriam and Mrs. Savage were our speakers and deeply interested all present.

Four State meetings have been held: one in connection with the State Convention, at New Britain; one at Waterbury, in January; the annual meeting in April, at the First Baptist Church, Hartford, and the regular summer meeting, at Crescent Beach. At all of these meetings Mrs. Reynolds has been present and presented the work in all its branches. At two of the meetings addresses were made by Miss Merriam, whose words have been an inspiration to all who have had the privilege of hearing her. Miss Caroline Dyer, of Hartshorn Memorial College, was with us at Crescent Beach, and gave us an interesting account of the work done in this school, and of the refining influence exerted by the pupils as they go back to their homes.

Amount of money contributed, including both Circles and Bands:

In Ashford Association,	\$360.00
" Stonington Union Association,	248.93
" New London	274.55
" Fairfield	330.05
" New Haven	393.36
" Hartford	744.00
Collections at Association and Basket meetings,	53.10
Total amount,	\$2,403.99
Supplies,	\$580.71

which have been sent both South and West, making a total of \$2,984.70

This is the report which we bring to you to-day. Our hearts are sad when we think of the great number of our sisters who are indifferent to the Christ speaking to them through his needy ones throughout this broad land, and yet we feel encouraged that we have a greater number of workers, and feel sure that this work is securing a deeper foothold in all our churches. We need to pray continually for a spirit of Christian patience and devotion, and that in all our methods of work, we may seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

EMILY A. SPENOER.

The report was received, and ordered spread upon the minutes.

Rev. J. V. Garton read the

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION UNION OF
CONNECTICUT.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Union of Connecticut was held in connection with the New Haven Baptist Association, at Calvary Church, Wednesday, October 10th, at 9:30 A. M. The day was clear and beautiful, and a large number were present.

Mrs. S. D. Phelps presided and gave an interesting exposition from the 10th Chapter of Luke, speaking of the seventy who were sent forth as home missionaries. The report of the Treasurer showed the cash receipts to have been \$791.60; value of boxes and barrels, \$492.68; making a total cash value of work done by the Union, \$1,284.28.

Our funds have been appropriated as follows:—

For the salary of Mrs. C. E. Becker, at Benedict Institute, S. C., \$450.00. For Rev. William Ritzmann, missionary to the Germans in East Bridgeport, \$150.00. For the Swedish Church, Meriden, \$50.00. For Rev. George Scott, Tecumseh, Neb., \$60.00. For Rev. J. Adams, Pipestone, Minn., \$20.00. For a young lady who is training for Home Mission work, \$15.00.

Six life members were made during the year by the payment of \$25.00 each.

Early in the year a prize of \$25.00 was offered for a leaflet on Home Missions. Eight papers were received. The prize was awarded to the paper entitled "Present Importance of Home Mission Work." Our quarterly meetings have been well sustained and were unusually interesting; characterized by a deep earnestness and fervent spirit in prayer. Our first quarterly meeting was held in Meriden. Our attention was especially drawn to State work at this meeting and we received some very valuable hints from a paper prepared and read by Mrs. Cadman; it was thought worthy of a wider hearing, and it was voted to have it printed in the Christian Secretary. We also had a map exercise of the State, locating the feeble churches, both among our own and the foreign people. Mr. Ritzmann was present and told us of his work among the Germans in East Bridgeport. He spoke of the difficulties and trials they met with in becoming Christians, especially Baptists. He begged us to pray for them, that they may add to their other good virtues, Christian citizenship. We quote from a letter recently received:—

"The year has been rich in trials and tests which shook our missions to its very foundation, but the Lord has kept us and we have come out of it stronger than ever. We have grown from 21, to 30 members, and the wish for organization into a church is expressed by a number. We are united in the work; our prospects are not at all dreary."

April 26th we held a Basket Meeting with the church in Ansonia. The chief feature of the meeting was the address of Mrs. Butler on the work in Mexico. We were thrilled with the horrors of the superstition and bigotry of the people. She spoke for one hour and a half, holding the attention of

the women completely. The picture she left in our minds will not soon be forgotten, and we trust many fervent prayers were offered that night for Mexico. We were grieved at this time to receive the resignation of our president. Mrs. Wayland had been president of the Union since its organization, and we felt that much of our success was due to her aid and counsel. It was accepted very regretfully.

Our next meeting was held with the Grand Avenue Church, New Haven, July 12th, and was very largely attended. The warm weather did not weaken the interest entirely, for reports from Circles were excellent, and five life members were made. This meeting is always of special interest as we have Mrs. Becker with us. Her fervor and enthusiasm impressed all as she told of the wonderful way in which the Lord had led and prospered them, both spiritually and temporally. We give an extract from a recent letter showing the result of the work:—

“An intimation of the work done by these educated young men may be had when it is stated that one of our young men in the last year of his stay at the Institution, that of his graduation, went out to his churches for the Sabbath, and returned for the week of school, and baptized more than three hundred into their membership in the year; another, more than two hundred, and others from that downwards. Hearing the gospel plainly and intelligently taught, the young people are coming, ‘as clouds and as doves to the windows.’

Of the religious training and influences at the Institution in consequence, an idea may be gained, when it is said in the first year of the present administration, 1881-2, between forty and fifty of the students came into the Kingdom, and in the last school year, 1887-8, more than thirty claimed to have found peace in believing in Jesus Christ as their Saviour. In no year of the seven included in the time mentioned, have more than three of those boarding in the Institution, at the close of the year, gone away without hope in CHRIST.

The constantly increasing demand for instruction in this Institution, has required repeated additions to the buildings, and to other appliances necessary to the work. Only four years since, a three story building was erected, 107 feet long by 52 broad, containing recitation rooms, Chapel and dormitories for nearly a hundred young men. Every room in it has been filled, and more seating room required. The former Chapel and recitation rooms were changed to dormitories for the young women. These have already been filled to overflowing and so overcrowded that this year an addition has been put up capable of accommodating half as many more. For the furnishing and heating of these additional rooms, aid is now sought, thirty dollars putting the absolutely necessary appliances in each room.”

The Union is to be congratulated in having secured for its president, Mrs. S. D. Phelps, whose interest and enthusiasm in the work will no doubt add greatly to its success in the year just commenced.

We continue the support of Mrs. Becker with much pleasure, feeling that a good work is being done at Benedict Institute. We are also glad to help in State work, by affording aid to Mr. Ritzmann in his work among the Ger-

mans; and assisting the Swedish church at Meriden, which is the outgrowth of the labors of Mr. Clafford who was at one time partially supported by the Union.

During the year the Master has called to one and another of our sisters, and we trust they have heard Him say: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." We miss their presence in our gatherings, their voices in our songs of praise and prayer. But they are where none shall say: "Know ye the Lord? for all shall know Him from the least even unto the greatest." But to us who remain, comes the message of old; "Go work in my vineyard." WORK, not rest, until we win North America for Christ.

President, MRS. S. D. PHELPS.

First Vice-President, MRS. WM. E. DISBROW.

Second Vice-President, MRS. G. H. SMITH.

Third Vice-President, MRS. W. H. BUTRICK.

Secretary, MRS. W. H. ELKINS.

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MRS. J. P. CADMAN,	MRS. C. B. CURTIS.	
	MRS. W. H. ELKINS, <i>Sec'y.</i>	

The report was received, and ordered spread on the minutes.

The President announced as Committee on Place and Preacher for next year, to report on Wednesday:—Rev J. R. Stubbett, Rev. T. A. Nordell, Rev. J. V. Garton and Rev. E. M. Poteat.

Rev. C. A. Piddock presented a paper containing a proposed Act of Incorporation for Churches, to be submitted to the Legislature of the State. By vote of the Convention it was referred to the Board of Trustees with power.

After an anthem by the choir, reading of Scripture by Rev. P. A. Nordell and prayer by Rev. W. D. McKinney, Rev. D. H. Taylor preached the annual sermon from John 4, 16, "God is Love." At the close of the very able and lucid discourse which held the closest attention of a large congregation, a hymn was sung, the benediction pronounced by the preacher, and the Convention was adjourned to Wednesday, 2.30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Convention was called to order at 2.30 P. M. by Rev. P. A. Nordell, D.D., who also led in prayer.

Rev. J. G. Ditmars, as chairman of Committee on Enrollment, presented his report through the Secretary, showing that 72 churches were represented on the floor of the Convention by 265 delegates. The report was adopted. [The list of delegates is found at the close of these minutes.]

President Wayland resumed the chair.

The request of the Secretary of the National Educational Society, for the appointment of delegates being presented by the Secretary, the same was referred to the Board of Trustees with power.

Committee on Place and Preacher for the next meeting of the Convention, reported through Rev. Dr. Nordell, that no invitation had been received from any church, and recommending as preacher of the Annual Sermon, Rev. P. G. Wightman, with Rev. F. L. Knapp as alternate.

The report of Committee on Preacher was adopted, and it was left with the Board of Trustees, or Executive Officers, to secure a place for holding the next annual meeting.

Committee on New Churches reported through Rev. C. A. Piddock, that three new churches had been organized in the State within the last year, viz.: a church in Cornwall Hollow, a German church in Seymour, and a Swedish church in Meriden. As neither of these churches was present with delegates, it would not be possible to give them a public recognition. The report was adopted.

Mr. J. L. Denison offered a resolution in the matter of ordaining councils, which by vote, was referred to the committee on resolutions.

Rev. E. M. Poteat read the seventeenth annual report of the

WOMAN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

"Responsibility," said an eminent writer, "is all the greater because we are left to assess ourselves. The blank form is sent to us, and left to our honor to fill up. Do not tamper with the paper, for remember there is a recruiting officer who will examine your schedule, who knows all about your possessions. Do as you, who have received everything from the Lord, are

bound to do." So far as we can ascertain, there are from thirteen to fourteen thousand women connected with the Baptist churches in this State; but as we look on the record of the year just closed, we find two-thirds of the blanks unfilled, that ought to bear the names and offerings of the women not yet enlisted in this service.

The contribution of this society during the year, including the thank offering of the New Haven Conference in March, and special gifts sent to missionaries on the field, is \$5,189.17, a slight advance over the preceding year.

We have been gratified and much encouraged by the new interest that has been aroused in many of the smaller churches in different parts of the State. A few new circles and mission bands have been organized, and others that had been idle for a season have been stimulated to active effort, so that the outlook for the coming year, is more hopeful than that of any preceding year. We especially rejoice in the increasing spirit of prayer manifested in many of the monthly meetings, as well as in the more public gatherings, and have marked with delight the growing interest among many of the young ladies in our churches who are ably and earnestly entering into this work. Two young ladies have expressed a desire to consecrate themselves to personal labor among the heathen. While the Rev. Mr. Naylor was pastor of the little church at Shelton, a talented young lady teacher was led to Christ through his instruction, and united with the church. Since her conversion she has consecrated herself to foreign missionary work, and will soon leave for her appointed field of labor in Japan. Though not a native of this State, we may claim her as our own, for here she found the new birth.

The public meetings have all been held with unabated interest and enthusiasm. We have been favored in having the presence and aid of several of our missionary sisters in many of these meetings, and their accounts of the work in their different fields of labor have increased and broadened our interest for the conversion of the heathen.

Mrs. Elwell, soon to return to Burma, widowed and bereaved, has given most acceptably the month of September to visiting and addressing a number of the churches, and the woman's meetings connected with three of the associations in the State. She has done a noble, self-denying work for the Saviour, for the heathen and for us. We will bear her earnestly in our prayers, and cheer her, I trust, with tokens of our love and sympathy.

Associational Secretaries.—Miss Bessie Hancox of the South Western Association, Mrs. Geo. A. Lester of New London, Mrs. J. R. Stubbett of Ashford, Mrs. J. B. Hoyt of Fairfield, Miss F. L. Twiss of New Haven, and Miss Hansell of Hartford, have given interesting reports of the work in these several associations, which we would gladly insert here, but cannot in the limited space allowed to this report. The church at New Milford having in its membership only thirteen women, sent forty dollars to the treasury; saying "they met and prayed regularly, and all took the Helping Hand and read it." The little church at New Canaan, report their first gift to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

We deeply regret having been obliged to accept the resignation of Miss C.

Hansell as secretary of the Hartford Association, on account of her removal from the State. She has done faithful, earnest service, and we trust her successor will soon be appointed. The New Haven, Hartford and South Eastern conferences are still centers of influence, and greatly aid in keeping up an active, intelligent interest in our work.

Our young ladies' societies are increasing in number and calling out talented workers who will soon be leaders in this important field of labor. The mission bands of many places are active under faithful directors, but some are longingly waiting for a guiding hand. The salaries of Miss Watson of Burma, Miss Rolman of Japan, Miss Bond of Assam, Miss Gage formerly of Burma, Miss Schuff of Madras, and that of Miss Sheldon have been paid from the amount contributed by this society. Also, the support of a native pupil in the care of Mrs. Douglas, at Rangoon. The amount remaining has been sent to the treasury undesignated.

As we look across the water to our dear workers there, we find Miss Watson, after many years of service, sick and weary, turning her face once more to her native land, hoping to gain new strength and rest. She will soon be with us.

Miss Rolman has so far recovered from her severe illness, that she has, with a heart full of love and zeal, resumed her work in Yokohama. The earnest pleading of Miss Rolman has been heeded, and the prayers offered that a helper might be sent to her have been answered, and Miss Eaton of Lowell, Mass., is now with her. Those who were present at the annual meeting of the New Haven Conference in March will not forget that special prayer was offered that God will restore the health of Miss Rolman, and send to her the needed helper. At that very time, all unknown then to us, the Board in Boston appointed Miss Eaton to assist Miss Rolman in her work. "While they are yet speaking I will hear."

Miss Shuff reached her field in Madras, in December, and is happy and rejoicing in the privilege given her of telling the women of India that Jesus died to save them.

Miss Bond, with courage, steadfastness and good health, has been cheered by seeing already fruits of her labors in the conversion of several of the girls in her school.

Miss Sheldon who reached home a year ago, is hoping to return to Burma at the close of another year.

Miss Gage gains slowly, but steadily, in health, and is comforting her heart with the hope that she may yet be able to return to her loved work in Burma.

We have thus far in our report only spoken of the missionaries that this society has aided during the year. We would like to bring before you to-day, if we had the time, many others who are as busily and successfully engaged in their various fields of labor, but we can name only one or two. Mrs. Kelley, alone in the large heathen city of Thatone, Burma, through her earnest labors, has led a number of the Shans to Christ, gathered a church, brought in a native pastor and built a chapel, on the ground once occupied by a Buddhist pagoda, from the tower of which a large bell calls the people

to worship the true God. Miss Johnson, a young woman left unexpectedly alone, stood bravely at her post, when robbers threatened her life, saying, "If I die, I will die with my Karen school girls." The Lord was her shield, and she was not harmed.

While writing this report, news has come of the sudden death of Miss Rathburn of Mandalay, the former capital of Burma. She had gathered a large school in that heathen city, and has been a most earnest worker. They are now without a teacher. Who will go to take her place?

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few, pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into his harvest."

MRS. S. M. WHITING.

State Secretary.

The report was received and ordered printed in the minutes.

On motion of Rev. A. E. Reynolds, it was

Resolved, That the various churches in the State who are doing proper Domestic Mission work, on their own account, the funds for which do not go through the Treasury of the Convention, be requested to report the same each year, on or before the 1st of October, to the Secretary of the Convention, that they may have proper mention in the published records of the Convention.

Rev. Dr. Morehouse, Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, was then introduced, and made a very able and effective address on the general work of this Society, and its different departments. He called especial attention to the fact that the Society was glad to co-operate with the Convention in its work in Connecticut among the foreign-born, and is ready to spend a still larger proportion of the contributions of the Baptists of Connecticut on work within the State. He was followed in a few remarks by Rev. Mr. Lindh., the Superintendent of Missions to the Swedes in the New England States.

Rev. H. L. Wayland, D.D., of Philadelphia, was also introduced to the Convention, and spoke from his own personal observation of the efficient work that is being done in the education of the colored people by the Home Missionary Society.

Rev. A. G. Palmer, D.D., chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, reported the following, which were adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention, recognizing the great evils of intemper-

ance is in hearty accord with all judicious efforts to suppress the use of, and the traffic in, all intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Resolved, That we recommend to any church contemplating the ordination of a candidate to the ministry; that they first call a council for examination, and leave the time and arrangements for public recognition for future action.

Resolved, That our thanks are tendered to the South Baptist Church and Society of Hartford, for the cordial and ample entertainment provided for the Convention.

Resolved, That we acknowledge the gentlemanly conduct of the Railroad officials in according to the delegates of the Convention a reduction of fare.

Resolved, That we recognize our obligations to the local press of this city, for its daily notices of the doings of this body.

Voted, That the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, and the Secretary be empowered to prepare them for publication.

With a prayer and benediction by the Rev. A. G. Palmer, D.D., the President declared the Convention finally adjourned.

FRANCIS WAYLAND, *President*.

PHILIP S. EVANS, *Secretary*.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

- Andover*—Rev. B. J. Savage and wife. B. F. Chapman.
Ansonia—Rev. W. D. McKinney, Wm. Fielding, Miss Fielding, Miss N. Boutwell, Mrs. W. O. Wallace.
Bantam—Rev. E. B. Elmer.
Branford—Rev. P. G. Wightman, H. Hubbard, J. H. Fowler.
Bridgeport, First—Rev. W. V. Garner, H. C. Tuttle, Lewis Eldridge.
Bridgeport, East—Rev. Wm. Ritzmann, Dea. J. H. Gunn, J. W. Barnes, Miss A. Gilbert.
Bloomfield, Rev. B. B. Gibbs, Dea. J. F. Phelps, Dea. Noah Griswold.
Bristol—Rev. F. E. Tower.
Chester—Rev. Jas. Butterworth.
Clinton—Rev. E. D. Shull, Leonard Smith, W. M. Bacon.
Colchester—Rev. A. H. Manee, Mrs. M. L. Smith.
Colebrook—Rev. G. W. Remington.
Cromwell—Rev. J. B. Connell and wife, Dea. Geo. M. Stevens and wife.
Cornwall—Rev. E. B. Elmer, Mrs. H. G. Dean.
Danbury, Second—Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D., Dea. Seeley, J. Amsbury, J. A. Green.
Danielsonville—Rev. F. L. Knapp, Miss A. E. Westcott.
Deep River—Rev. J. D. Cromley, Hayden Watrous, G. F. Spencer, J. P. Post.
East Haddam—Rev. F. W. Kneeland, J. S. Brooks, E. E. Williams, D.D.
East Lyme—Rev. D. Taylor.
East Lyme, Second—Rev. J. Naylor, C. H. Ames.
Fitchville—Rev. D. C. Easton.
Groton, First—Rev. A. J. Chandler.
Groton Heights—Rev. G. N. Ballentine, Wm. A. Smith and wife, Jas. Edgecomb.
Haddam—H. Ventries and wife, S. S. Ventries.
Hartford, First—Hon. J. L. Howard, W. S. Bronson, G. F. Davis, L. C. Glazier, Rev. Albert Guy, Wm. Bolles.
Hartford, South—Rev. Kittridge Wheeler, R. S. Lawrence, F. S. Brown, G. A. Fairfield, G. B. Munsell, S. B. Squires, Stephen Maslen.
Hartford, Asylum Ave.—Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., R. N. Pratt, E. V. Preston, G. L. Denison.
Hartford, Memorial—Rev. H. M. Thompson, Dea. C. C. Cady, T. R. Simons, Dea. Hurlbut, Dea. A. Burnham.
Hartford Union—Rev. E. M. Harrison, Lewis Jackson, James Allen, Wm. Coleman.
Jewett City—Rev. S. G. Hastings, S. Barber.

Meriden, First—Rev. J. V. Garton, Edward Miller, Daniel Hart, Mrs. Seth Hall, Miss Fannie Twiss.

Meriden, Main St.—Rev. I. R. Wheelock, A. B. Paddock, S. C. Paddock, J. L. Richmond, H. L. Puffer.

Middletown—Rev. W. G. Fennell, A. B. Ryan, Mrs. C. A. Piddock, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Augustus Guild, Mrs. Oliver Woodworth.

Montowese—Rev. A. H. Simons, Mrs. M. Culver, Miss Tulla Culver.

Mystic River—Rev. G. H. Miner, Robt. P. Wilbur, J. O. Fish, Dea. L. Wilcox.

New Britain—Rev. I. F. Stidham, Ph.D., D. A. Parsons, J. R. Andrews, J. A. Gridley, T. A. Wooster, S. W. Damon, W. M. Foster.

New Britain, German—Rev. John Jaeger.

New Hartford—Rev. F. F. Spencer, Orrin Fitch.

New Haven, First—Rev. W. H. Butrick, Rev. J. W. Payne, R. N. Welch, S. O. Preston, Jas. P. Cadman.

New Haven, Calvary—Rev. E. M. Poteat, Rev. S. D. Phelps, D.D., Giles Potter, H. B. Stowe, Mrs. S. M. Whiting.

New Haven, Grand Ave.—Rev. P. S. Evans and wife, Dea. O. J. Hull, John Santy and wife, Mrs. McGregor, Mrs. Bennett.

New Haven, Emmanuel—Rev. Geo. H. Jackson and wife.

New Haven, German—Rev. Fred. Meyer.

New Milford—Rev. F. P. Braman.

New London, First—Rev. P. A. Nordell, D.D., G. A. Lester and wife, C. A. Weaver and wife, Mrs. S. Green.

North Lyme—Rev. J. G. Ward, Dea. F. Fosdick, Alfred Beckwith, M. S. Stark.

Norwich, First—Rev. D. Henry Miller, D. W. Perkins, A. Gardiner and wife, Chas. Gross and wife.

Norwich Central—Rev. D. H. Taylor, A. P. Carroll, Lucius Brown, A. R. Burchard, G. W. Swan, J. H. Cranston, C. F. Setchel, L. Brown, Dea. T. Otis, Dea. H. A. Gates.

Norwich, Third—Rev. J. J. Cooper, John R. Thayers.

Norwich, Mount Calvary—Rev. E. Jackson.

Noank—Rev. J. Naylor, C. H. Ames.

Norwalk—Rev. C. E. Torrey, J. L. Amber and wife, F. W. Terry.

Norwalk, South—A. J. Crofut, J. Hopson.

Old Lyme—Rev. S. G. Silliman, Richard Waite.

Plainfield—Rev. J. P. Brown, C. A. Tillinghast.

Packerville—Rev. A. A. Robinson and wife.

Plainville—Rev. E. C. Miller, T. J. Bristol, A. E. Denison, Wm. Smith.

Plantsville—Rev. E. S. Holloway, Dea. R. M. Cowles, J. Bond.

Putnam—Rev. J. R. Stubbett, Dea. J. W. Manning, Dea. J. W. Carver and wife, B. G. Smith, Edward Fly, Mrs. E. D. Bard.

Rainbow—Rev. J. F. Temple, G. W. Hodge, Wm. Hodge, J. S. Leonard.

Rockville—Rev. E. W. Porter, W. H. Henkell, Chas. Carter.

Shelton—Rev. Jas. G. Ditmars, Dr. B. F. Leach.

- South Windsor*—Rev. F. B. Joy, Dea. Henry Holman.
Southington—Rev. E. J. Bosworth, E. H. Plant, J. S. Caldwell.
Stamford—Rev. J. W. Richardson, Dea. C. J. Powelson, Dea. Asa M. Thayer, W. F. Waterbury, W. P. Hurlbut, J. G. Snelling.
Sterling—Rev. E. S. Hill and wife.
Stonington, First—Rev. A. G. Palmer, D.D., and wife.
Stonington, North—Rev. D. F. Chapman and wife, Dea. A. H. Chapman and wife, Mrs. R. P. Palmer.
Suffield, Second—Prof. M. H. Smith, Thaddeus L. Phelps, Dorsmus Bennett, I. H. Spencer.
Waterbury—Rev. W. P. Elsdon, Dea. J. Spencer and wife, Rev. C. A. Daniel and wife, Dea. A. J. Shipley, Sidney Resdon.
Waterford—Rev. L. M. Purington, Rev. Allen Darrow and wife.
Wallingford—Rev. A. E. Reynolds, D. E. Morriss, N. C. Wooding, S. Hall, C. H. Brown, B. D. Sutleff.
West Hartford—Dea. Chas. Ramsay.
Wethersfield—Rev. E. P. Bond, Miss Mary C. Morton, Dea. H. L. Lankton, Mrs. A. Cowdray.
Willimantic—Rev. M. G. Coker, F. Rogers, M. G. Summer, M. Johnson.

RECORD OF CHANGES IN THE MINISTRY.

The following have left the State:

Rev. J. W. Brigham from Spring Hill to Mass., Rev. A. L. Brown from Hartford to Mass., Rev. J. Burnett from Tariffville to New York, Rev. L. Smith Brown from Westford to Mass., Rev. J. C. Emery from Hartford to —, Rev. G. L. C. Hanna from Salem to New Jersey, Rev. E. E. Knapp from Essex to —, Rev. G. E. Nichols from New Haven to Mass., Rev. W. Ward West from Tariffville to New York.

The following have come into the State:

Rev. W. T. Rice to Spring Hill, Rev. Samuel A. Ives to Thompson, Rev. C. N. Nichols to Chesterfield, Rev. F. B. Foy to South Windsor, Rev. H. M. Thompson to Hartford, Rev. W. T. Elsdon to Waterbury, Rev. W. N. Morton to Bridgeport, Rev. Nils Ek to Bridgeport, Rev. J. K. Remington to Colebrook, Rev. M. F. Lee to New London.

Ordinations.—Rev. Edwin Bennett at Brooklyn, Feb. 8, Rev. James S. Cranston at Norwich, Aug. 15, Rev. Frederick Meyer and Rev. C. A. Daniel at New Haven, June 26.

Churches organized.—Messiah Church, Bridgeport, June 29, German Church, Seymour, Swedish Church in Meriden, Church in Cromwell Hollow.

For further changes in residence of ministers see table on second page of minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION

In account with W. F. WALKER, Treasurer.

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By balance in treasury at last report,	\$262.95
By collections from churches, as follows:	
Andover,	\$5.10
Ashford, 2d (Westford),	1.50
Bridgeport, First,	82.46
E. Wash. Ave., Oct. 18, 1887, \$25.00	
Oct. 5, 1888, \$14.00	39.00
German,	10.00
Branford,	10.00
Bristol,	48.07
Clinton, March 7, \$16.00; Sept. 13, \$5.00,	21.00
Colchester, Borough,	7.00
Cornwall, College Street,	5.00
Danbury, Second,	63.00
Danielsonville,	26.00
Deep River,	51.24
Eastford,	20.00
East Lyme, 2d (Niantic),	5.00
East Haddam,	12.00
Fitchville,	10.00
Groton, First,	15.00
Heights,	15.35
Haddam, May 2, \$2.00; June 18, \$6.00,	8.00
Hartford, Asylum Ave.,	59.86
Jewett City,	18.77
Mansfield (Spring Hill),	20.00
Meriden, First,	72.21
Main Street,	16.10
Middletown, Dec. 31, '87, \$5.00; March 7, '88, \$7.75;	
June 1, '88, \$5.30; Oct 13, \$23.00,	41.05
Mystic River, Union,	30.00
New Britain, First,	67.82
German,	10.00
New Canaan,	32.90
New Haven, First, Sept. 29, '88, \$149.43; Oct. 10,	
\$128.46,	277.94

New Haven, Grand Ave., Oct. 20, '87, \$11.30; Feb. 13, 1888, \$11; Apr. 14, \$10.20; Oct. 8, \$17.00, .	\$49.50
German,	35.00
Danish,	5.00
New London, First,	37.00
New Milford, First,	12.00
North Lyme,	15.00
North Stonington, Nov. 27, '87, \$2.50; Feb. 21, '88, \$2.50; May 2, \$2.50; July 19, \$2.50, .	10.00
Norwalk,	25.20
Norwich, Central,	100.00
Third,	6.00
Old Lyme,	4.14
Parkersville,	8.00
Plantsville,	25.00
Poquonnoc Bridge,	7.50
Preston,	10.00
Putnam,	72.14
Rainbow,	7.86
Rockville, July 24, \$12.00; Sept. 7, \$6.90,	18.90
Rowayton,	3.70
Saybrook, First,	9.00
Shelton,	22.40
Southington,	12.74
South Norwalk,	55.00
South Windsor,	11.00
Stafford,	7.00
Stamford,	150.00
Sterling,	10.00
Stonington, First, Feb. 13, \$72.00; Sept. 29, \$78.00, .	150.00
Third, Feb. 13, \$20.00; May 15, \$5.00 .	25.00
Suffield, First,	11.25
Second,	47.38
Tariffville,	5.00
Thompson, Central,	6.90
Voluntown,	5.00
Wallingford, Oct. 18, '87, \$23.29; Apr. 7, '88; \$11.82, Sept. 29, \$22.59,	62.70
Waterbury,	44.60
German,	5.00
Waterford, First,	15.80
Willimantic,	37.17
Wellington,	16 40
Yalesville,	10.00
Name not reported,	4.68— \$2,277.33

From Individuals.

Miss Ira Loomis, Windsor,	\$2.00	
James Lockwood, Hartford, for Memorial Church,	1,000.00	
C. A. Piddock, service as supply,	85.00	
E. B. Fitch, Noank,	1.00	
Alice S. H. Davies, New Haven,	20.00	
A Friend, Calvary Church, New Haven,	100.00	
Joseph B. Hoyt, Stamford,	100.00	
O. B. Grant, Stonington,	100.00	
Mrs. Francis Wayland, New Haven,	100.00	
J. W. Manning, Putnam,	12.00—	\$1,520.00

From Sunday Schools.

Middletown, First, Dec. 13, '87, \$3.62; July 8, \$3.54,	\$7.16	
South Norwalk, Judson Mission Society,	50.00	
Yalesville,	7.31	
First, New Haven,	25.00—	\$89.47
Woman's Baptist Home Mission Union of Conn.,		150.00

Income from Bequests.

From Chapman bequest,	\$345.77	
Dunham "	201.60	
Francis "	44.20	
Cone "	361.37	
May "	40.00	
Rogers "	40.00	
Sheldon "	35.00—	\$1,067.94
Illinois Farms,		485.02

From Bequests.

Bequest of Hannah P. Bixby, of Thompson,		870.00
For Minutes, Ashford Association, Oct. 1887, \$5.00,		
Jan. 1888, \$6.00, \$11.00		
New London Association,	15.00	
Hartford "	45.00	
Stonington "	13.00	
Fairfield "	19.50	
New Haven "	42.60	
Education Society,	30.00—	\$176.10
Loan from Middletown Savings Bank, for Memorial Church,		7,000.00
Loan from New Britain National Bank, for Memorial Church,		1,000.00
From invested fund repaid, Chapman fund,		723.55
From Memorial Church for payment on loan,		1,000.00

Interest repaid,	\$20.40
Loan at M. & T. Savings Bank, Bridgeport, for German Church,	1,666.17
For Home Missions, Rockville, \$5.25; So. Colebrook, \$2.00,	7.25
For Foreign Missions, So. Colebrook, \$2.00; No. Colebrook, \$2.50; Rowayton, 2.30,	6.80
For Education Society, Rockville, \$1.00; No. Colebrook, \$1.04; So. Colebrook, \$1.00,	3.04
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	\$18,326.02
Balance due Treasurer,	35.24
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	<u>\$18,361.26</u>

The following amounts were paid to Treasurer during the session of the Convention:

Plainville,	\$10.00
Cromwell,	8.75
Lebanon,	8.00
Montowese,	5.00
Bridgeport, colored,	2.00
Hartford, First,	355.82
New Haven, Calvary,	80.00
Bantam and Cromwell Hollow,	7.00
Brooklyn,	5.55
Hartford, Memorial Church, on loan,	400.00
Total,	<hr/>
	\$882.12

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To payments as follows:

To Churches, New Britain, Swedish,	\$125.00
New Haven, Swedish,	112.50
Spring Hill, (Mansfield,)	75.00
East Bridgeport, German,	233.10
Shelton,	300.00
New Hartford,	165.00
Tolland,	125.00
North and South Colebrook,	80.00
Bantam and College Street,	100.00
New Britain, German,	100.00
Sterling,	100.00
New Canaan,	100.00
Rockville,	200.00
Eastford,	100.00

To Churches, North Stonington,	\$100.00	
Pequonnoc Bridge,	80.00	
New Haven, Danish,	112.50	
Bloomfield,	37.50	
Waterbury, German,	62.50	
Memorial, Hartford, supplies,	45.00	
Andover,	50.00	
West Woodstock,	25.00—	\$2,428.10
Spring Hill, (Mansfield,) income from bequests,		52.00
Tolland, income from bequests,		47.60
Wethersfield, “ “ “		84.20
Moodus, “ “ “		350.00
W. Willington, “ “ “		102.00
Rev. C. A. Piddock, Supt. of Missions, salary,		650.00
expenses,		58.40
Insurance, Memorial Church,		33.34
Interest loan for “ “		419.13
Shelton “		128.70
of \$1,500.		75.45
Expenses of Convention 1887, printing etc.,		30.35
E. Morgan for Memorial Church property, Hartford,		8,000.00
Paid loan for Memorial Church		1,000.00
Salary of Secretary,		250.00
Expenses of Secretary,		41.78
Mortgage bond and interest for Chapman fund,		711.39
Investment of Bixby fund and Bales fund,		920.00
Postage and stationery,		8.58
Middletown Savings Bank, on loan Memorial Church,		1,000.00
Paid for lot for E. Bridgeport German Church,		1,700.00
Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co., printing,		253.15
Remitted to Education Society,		3.04
Home Mission Society,		7.25
Foreign “ “		6.80
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		\$18,361.26

I have this day examined the foregoing accounts with the vouchers, and believe them to be correct.

A. J. CROFUT, Auditor.

NEW BRITAIN, October 15, 1888.

ABSTRACT.

Balance reported last year,	\$262.95
Received from churches,	2,277.33
Individuals,	1,520.00
Sunday Schools,	89.47
Woman's Bapt. Home Miss. Union, . .	150.00
interest, invested funds,	1,067.94
bequests,	870.00
Illinois farm,	485.02
for printing minutes,	176.10
from loans for churches,	10,666.17
investments interest repaid, . . .	743.95
for home missions,	7.25
foreign "	6.80
Educational Society,	3.04
Balance due Treasurer,	35.24
	<u>\$18,361.26</u>
In aid of churches,	\$2,428.10
Paid churches income from bequests, . . .	635.80
Salary of Missionary and expenses,	708.40
Salary and expenses of Secretary (as Sec'y and Mis-	
sionary),	291.78
Insurance and interest,	656.62
Expenses for printing,	292.08
Payments, account of Memorial and East Bridgeport	
churches,	11,700.00
Invested in mortgages on real estate, . . .	1,631.39
Funds transferred to Societies,	17.09
Total,	<u>\$18,361.26</u>

REAL ESTATE AND BEQUESTS.

Real estate in Illinois,	\$13,295.67
Bequest of Alva Baldwin,	952.09
Eber Dunham,	4,500.00
Martha Rogers,	500.00
Lucinda Newton,	1,736.61
Esther N. Francis,	900.00
Charles H. Chapman,	6,500.00
Ann M. May,	500.00
Almira O. Cone,	5,000.00
Hannah B. Bixby,	870.00
	<u>\$34,754.37</u>
Chauncey H. Sheldon, interest,	500.00

The Convention has also acquired the title to the Memorial Church property, in Hartford, and to a building lot for the East Bridgeport German Church, in the purchase of which loans have been negotiated as reported.

LIABILITIES.

Loan at Savings Bank of New Britain, . . .	\$1,500.00
Middletown Savings Bank, . . .	5,600.00
Mech. and Far. Savings Bank, Bridgeport, . . .	<u>1,700.00</u>
Total,	\$9,200.00

PRINTING MINUTES.

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Received from Ashford Association, . . .	\$11.00
New London Association, . . .	15.00
Hartford " . . .	45.00
Stonington " . . .	13.00
Fairfield " . . .	19.50
New Haven " . . .	42.60
Education Society, . . .	30.00
Domestic Mission account, . . .	<u>77.05</u>
	<u>\$253.15</u>

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Paid the Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co., . . .	<u>\$253.15</u>
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STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES AND OFFICERS.				MEMBERSHIP.										CHURCH PROPERTY.							
CHURCHES.	When Organized.	PASTORS, AND DATE OF SETTLEMENT.	CLERKS.	Increase.						Diminut'n				Net Loss.	Present Condition.			Value of Church Building.	No. of Sittings.	Value of Parsonage.	Debt on Church Property.
				By Baptism	By Letter.	By Experience.	By Restoration.	By Letter.	By Emanc.	By Exclusion.	By Death.	Net Gain.	Total Membership.		Resident Membership.	Male Members.	Prep'g for Min.					Resident Min.
STONINGTON UNION ASS'N.																					
Groton, First, ...	1705	A. J. Chandler, '85.	S. S. Lamb.	16	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	5	9	258	188	90	0	9,000	400	1,500	
North Stonington, ...	1741	D. T. Chapman, '78.	A. H. Chapman, ...	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	79	40	25	1	1,000	400	1,000	
Myatie River, Union, ...	1765	G. H. Miner, '84.	J. O. Fish, ...	1	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	8	13	633	500	200	0	20,000	1,000	3,000	
North Stonington, Second, ...	1765	C. E. Piper, '87.	Chas. P. White, ...	6	2	0	0	8	0	0	0	1	1	138	0	0	2,000	1,000	
Plainville, Union, ...	1792	Robert Pegrum, '85.	Waldo Tillinghast, ...	13	0	0	0	3	43	2	2	37	188	104	44	0	6,000	.....	2,000	
Stonington, First, ...	1775	A. G. Palmer, '61.	E. E. Bradley, ...	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	4	288	.....	0	0	10,000	600	4,000	
Sterling, ...	1813	E. S. Hill, '85.	S. P. Greene, ...	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	4	92	50	27	0	3,250	250	1,500		
Preston City, ...	1812	Joseph McKean, '86.	D. T. Richards, ...	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	137	84	35	2	7,500	350	1,500		
Packerville, ...	1828	A. A. Robinson, '86.	Wm. Shepard, ...	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	12	183	45	20	0	1,500	300	1,500		
North Stonington, Third, ...	1838	E. D. Bentley, '87	Orrin Chapman, ...	4	1	0	0	6	0	0	3	3	188	90	70	0	4,000	450	1,000	500	
Voluntown, ...	1832	E. Dewhurst, '83.	Gresham Douglass, ...	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	3	177	.....	0	0	5,000	.....	1,800	
Jewett City, ...	1840	S. G. Hastings, '85.	L. A. Thornton, ...	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	2	143	.....	0	0	11,000	.....	2,500	
Ledyard, ...	1843	G. N. Ballantine, '86.	J. F. Phillips, ...	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	268	183	70	0	10,000	400	.....	
Groton Heights, ...	1843	Wm. S. Swan, '87.	Robert Palmer, ...	12	6	0	0	0	0	0	13	6	373	253	113	0	12,000	485	.....	
Noank, ...	1846	A. L. Francis, '86.	Stiles H. F. Ross, ...	1	0	0	3	1	0	18	1	11	41	34	17	0	1,000	150	1,500		
Stonington, Third, ...	1836	C. E. Tullar, ...	Daniel Morgan, ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	104	.....	.....	0	4,000	.....	.....
Poquonnoc Bridge, ...	.....	.....	.....	59	12	2	5	39	51	15	40	67	3,288	.....	.....	3	\$107,350	.....	\$22,300	\$500
Total, .....	.....	17 Churches, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ASHFORD ASSOCIATION.																					
Woodstock, First,	1786	J. D. Graham, '87.	Jude P. Cage,	8	1	0	0	2	0	0	4	2	77	52	31	1	8,500	300	2,500		
East Killingly, ...	1776	.....	E. A. Hill,	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	127	75	.....	0	5,000	300	.....	
Eastford, ...	1794	Asa Randlett, '86.	John Burley,	7	0	1	0	0	4	9	3	8	70	46	28	0	2,000	200	1,000		

Woodstock, Second,	1792 J. D. Graham, '87,	Geo. P. Field,	11	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	12	2	77	52	31	1	1	4,000	300	.....
Tolland,	1807 F. L. Batchelder, '66,	W. J. Thrasher,	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	66	35	23	0	0	4,500	200	.....
Mansfield,	1809 W. T. Rice, '88,	L. A. Hall,	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	40	15	0	0	1,500	225	.....
Andover,	1826 B. J. Savage, '88,	E. D. White,	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	86	56	26	0	2	3,500	200	.....
Williamantic,	1826 W. Geo. Coker, '88,	W. W. Potter,	20	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	17	1	377	107	92	0	3	1,300	200	.....
Willington,	1825 Wilson R. Terry, '87,	Albert Sharp,	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	125	80	0	0	0	0	27,000	500	.....
Brooklyn,	1825 Edwin Bennett, '88,	Theo. D. Pond,	26	3	1	0	2	1	0	3	24	3	115	87	46	0	0	2,500	200	.....
Thompson, Central,	1840 S. A. Ives, '88,	Steven Ballard,	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	8	121	80	0	0	0	0	8,000	300	.....
Thompson, East,	1840 S. A. Ives, '88,	A. T. Bixby,	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	80	34	29	0	0	0	2,000	245	.....
Suiford, South Center,	1840 J. B. Scribner, '82,	Jared Lemphear,	7	2	0	0	5	2	0	2	2	535	249	202	0	0	0	3,000	250	.....
Danversville,	1871 E. E. Knapp, '84,	M. L. Aldrich,	31	9	0	1	0	0	0	1	38	200	173	61	0	0	0	29,000	800	.....
Ashford, Second,	1881 A. J. Culver, '87,	Nat Hubbard,	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	44	31	20	0	0	0	12,000	350	.....
.....	.....	M. G. Chapman,	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	200	173	61	0	0	0	2,000	200	.....
Total,	17 Churches, .....	.....	122	29	6	1	34	7	9	31	77	.....	2,320	1345	.....	210	\$130,700	5,035	\$5,925	
NEW LONDON ASS'N.																					
Waterford, First,	1710 L. M. Purinton, '84,	James A. Gallup,	0	0	0	1	3	0	5	12	.....	19	393	213	172	0	1	6,000	450	.....
East Lyme, First,	1792 D. Taylor, '85,	L. E. Watrous,	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	.....	4	150	91	64	0	0	3,000	200	.....
Colchester,	1780 M. P. Maynard, '87,	Chas. F. Brown,	4	7	0	1	4	0	0	4	4	.....	27	14	7	.....	2,000	400	.....	
Norwich, First,	1800 D. H. Miller, D.D., '83,	J. F. Starkweather,	9	5	2	0	4	0	0	12	.....	2	258	157	90	0	2	22,000	500	.....
New London, First,	1801 P. A. Nordell, D.D., '82,	John E. Darrow,	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	4	156	125	54	0	1	30,000	770
Lebanon,	1800 Geo. L. Putnam, '84,	John Avery,	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	.....	177	50	39	0	0	3,000	200	.....
East Haddam, Central,	1810 F. W. Kneeland, '87,	G. S. Stark,	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.....	130	80	57	0	1	2,500	200	.....
North Lyme,	1821 F. G. Ward, '87,	C. J. Stretcher,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.....	130	80	57	0	1	2,500	200	.....
Bozrah,	1824 C. N. Nichols, '88,	W. F. Thatcher,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.....	80	29	24	0	0	600	250	.....
Waterford, Second,	1831 S. J. Weaver,	W. W. Bently,	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	.....	77	.....	.....	.....	800	.....	.....
Colchester, Borough,	1835 S. Perkins,	L. A. Comstock,	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	.....	2	119	.....	.....	.....	6,000	230	.....	
Norwich, Central,	1836 A. H. Manee, '87,	Chas. F. Brown,	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	.....	1	144	130	.....	.....	25,000	700	.....	
Lake's Pond,	1840 D. H. Taylor, '87,	C. J. Setchel,	28	7	3	1	22	4	5	9	.....	1	560	440	175	0	2	25,000	700	.....
East Lyme, Second,	1842 J. Naylor, '86,	A. L. Canlkins,	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	7	85	35	35	0	0	5,000	300
Montville Union,	1842 Geo. W. Holman, '87,	C. H. Ames,	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	.....	137	107	.....	0	0	6,000	200	.....
Old Lyme,	1842 Geo. G. Stillman, '87,	F. H. Rogers,	0	10	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	1	162	73	0	0	3,000	250
Norwich, Third,	1845 J. Cooper, '86,	A. B. Matine,	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	.....	2	131	75	51	0	0	7,000	280	.....
N. London, Huntington-st.,	1845 M. F. Lee, '88,	Leo Stenson,	0	3	1	1	3	0	0	1	.....	1	384	580	0	0	0	7,000	600	.....
Norwich, Mt. Calvary,	1871 E. E. Jackson, '88,	P. T. Yonnu,	18	4	1	1	1	0	0	1	.....	30	396	300	134	1	1	15,000	600	.....
Fitchville,	1887 D. C. Easton, '87,	B. P. Hewett,	8	17	0	0	1	0	0	1	.....	23	96	.....	34	0	0	3,000	800	.....
Total,	23 Churches, * .....	.....	90	62	9	7	75	28	17	56	.....	8	3,773	.....	.....	311	\$143,600	6,310	\$14,300	\$5,800

* No Report from Salem and Baltic.

HARTFORD ASSOCIATION.																		
1793	L. B. Curtis, '83.	F. E. Hastings.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	83	57	36	0	2,000	320	1,500	
1792	E. P. Bond, '79.	H. L. Lankton.	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	6	57	32	14	0	4,500	274	.....
1787	E. B. Elmer, '81.	H. G. Dean.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	56	39	28	0	1,000	150	.....
1786	B. B. Gibbs, '87.	James Clarke.	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	593	37	14	0	3,000	320	2,500	
1790	C. G. Munyan.	C. G. Munyan.	26	13	1	0	0	0	0	10	593	60	190	1	100,000	1,100	300	
1791	F. E. Tower, '84.	Roswell Atkins.	26	13	1	0	0	0	0	32	387	24	98	0	22,000	4,000	300	
1744	G. W. Remington, '88.	Orin Jones.	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	.....	537	168	3	0	1,500	200	1,000
1806	South Colebrook.	Thos. Jones.	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	10	537	168	3	0	5,000	700	.....
1807	Samuel S. Bond.	W. E. Walker.	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	.....	534	166	0	0	5,000	400	.....
1821	Reuben W. Foster.	Henry Holman.	31	13	0	0	0	0	0	3	534	166	0	0	5,000	182	4,000	
1829	F. B. Joy, '88.	Wm. Shaw.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	69	34	14	0	6,000	182	.....
1813	K. Wheeler, '85.	J. J. Sheppard.	7	2	32	10	5	7	24	612	491	168	11	75,000	12,400	.....	
1818	G. M. Remington, '88.	John A. Moore.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	60	24	14	0	2,500	2,000	.....
1820	E. B. Elmer, '81.	Chas. L. Keeler.	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	57	39	21	0	1,000	175	1,000	
1822	E. C. Miller, '83.	A. H. Connell.	0	3	1	0	1	0	1	3	65	53	20	0	4,000	250	.....
1824	F. F. Spruner, '88.	J. E. Stanley.	0	3	1	0	1	0	1	2	74	35	15	0	2,000	240	1,000	
1826	Dr. G. M. Stone, '79.	G. O. H. Burdick.	2	3	0	4	0	1	2	2	103	161	54	0	50,000	400	6,000	
1875	J. F. Temple, '85.	J. S. Leonard.	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	45	38	17	0	5,000	300	2,445	
1878	J. M. Harrison, '82.	E. R. Jones.	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	4	103	20	30	2	4,000	300	1,100	
1883	John Jaeger, '87.	John Reif.	2	7	0	1	0	0	6	56	51	20	1	6,000	300	5,610		
1882	E. W. Potter, '87.	W. N. Herskell.	4	5	0	0	2	1	1	5	72	59	26	0	6,000	300	.....
1884	II. M. Thompson, '88.	A. O. Do's.	5	11	0	0	5	0	2	9	141	116	52	3	15,000	800	.....
1813	Supplied.	Lewis Chipman.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	45	11	12	0	1,000	150	.....
23 Churches *			100	78	10	5	86	17	14	39	3,910	10	9	\$38,900	9,057	\$41,900
Total.			100	78	10	5	86	17	14	39	3,910	10	9	\$38,900	9,057	\$41,900

*No report from Canton and West Hartford:

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STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES—Continued.

CHURCHES AND OFFICERS.			MEMBERSHIP.										PROPERTY.								
CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	When Settled.	Increase.			Diminution.			Gain or Loss.	Present Condition.			Value of Church Building.	No. of Sitzings.	Value of Parsonage.	Debt on Church Property.				
				Baptism.	Letters.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.		Krause.	Death.	Total Membership.					Resident Members.	Male Members.	Prep'ng for Min.	Resident Min.
NEW HAVEN ASSO'N.																					
Southington.....	1748 E. J. Rosworth.	E. H. Plant.....	'87	7	6	..	..	9	1	2	175	142	60	..	..	\$78,000	500	..
First, Saybrook.....	1744 W. B. Vassar.	86 G. C. Williams.....	'86	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,000	175	..
First, Meriden.....	1766 J. V. Carlton.	80 E. Y. Williams.....	'87	34	10	2	1	5	..	4	513	450	180	1	1	15,000	700	\$1,200			
First, Middletown.....	1700 W. G. Gennell.	87 J. D. Sibley.....	'87	26	13	2	1	16	6	5	423	300	157	1	1	25,000	700	7,000			
Clinton.....	1701 E. D. Stumm.	87 J. H. Stevens.....	'87	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	128	96	57	1	..	4,000	190	2,000
Cromwell.....	1704 W. B. Russell.	87 A. Boardman.....	'87	8	4	..	..	..	1	3	98	49	21	..	..	4,000	300	400
Monterey.....	1802 W. R. Elison.	88 H. F. Sanford.....	'88	23	2	3	30	..	..	..	493	425	146	2	..	60,000	500	3,000
Montwese.....	1811 A. H. Simons.	87 J. L. Larkins.....	'87	3	..	..	..	..	1	5	77	53	30	..	..	3,040	212	1,500
First New Haven.....	1811 H. M. Gallauer, Supply	G. W. Dickinson.....	'83	32	30	1	11	4	4	42	711	625	244	2	3	7,500	400	600			
Wallingford.....	1816 W. H. Butrick.	'83 G. P. Durham.....	'83	8	2	1	..	..	..	..	297	232	119	..	..	60,000	850	5,000
Haddam.....	1817 A. E. Reynolds.	'83 J. C. Mansfield.....	'83	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	969	54	19	..	..	3,500	200	1,200
Deep River.....	1824 G. W. Lester.	'85 F. H. Barry.....	'85	14	7	..	..	..	..	..	229	166	85	..	..	10,500	350	2,750
Branford.....	1830 J. D. Cromley.	'87 V. A. Norton.....	'87	9	3	..	..	..	..	..	162	134	64	..	..	10,000	400	2,100
Emmanuel, New Haven	1832 J. Batteworth.	'87 W. A. Brothwell.....	'87	8	4	10	1	..	..	..	145	100	45	1	2	8,500	300	800
Main St., Meriden.....	1836 Geo. H. Jackson.	'87 A. F. Fowler.....	'87	26	13	3	2	11	1	20	371	343	141	1	..	12,000	400	4,000			
German, New Haven.....	1834 J. R. Wheelock.	'88 R. M. Breckinridge.....	'88	5	5	1	10	2	..	34	135	134	..	2	5	42,000	900	8,000			
Grand Av., New Haven.	1832 J. P. S. Holloway.	'85 L. L. Bradley.....	'85	6	10	1	..	9	..	3	207	180	71	1	..	110,000	1,250	2,000			
Plantsville.....	1834 J. E. S. Holway.	'86 J. Bond.....	'86	9	1	..	..	..	..	..	109	95	34	..	..	7,000	300	800
German, Meriden.....	1873 J. A. Weimar.	'86 Charles Dexter.....	'86	4	2	..	..	1	1	2	84	165	87	..	..	21,000	375	2,000
Yonkersville.....	1874 W. H. McKimney.	'84 W. H. Fielding.....	'84	11	21	..	..	..	..	19	52	39	21	..	..	2,500	225	300
Shelton.....	1881 A. E. Reynolds, Supply.	'86 W. A. Kendrick.....	'86	11	14	1	5	..	..	..	97	76	31	..	..	2,500	225	..
Swedish, New Haven.....	1882 J. H. Dittmars.	'86 A. H. Bray.....	'86	8	4	1	..	..	..	..	65	49	23	..	..	..	300	..
Danish, New Haven.....	1886	Peter Jepson.....	'86	1	1	..	..	..	11	1	17	14	5	..	..	..	..	..
Totals.....				931	187	25	8	189	6	29	77	150	..	..	..	\$5,945	4,868	\$17,475
Totals last year.....				234	159	19	2	148	96	63	70	104	..	..	..	\$492,000	12,957	\$46,650
Totals last year.....				5,891	4,545	..	..	..	..	..	11,111	\$473,500	11,352	\$47,650	\$14,809			

* Error in returns of last year makes a discrepancy of six.

HOME EXPENSES AND BENEVOLENCE.

CHURCHES.	EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.													Money Raised for all Purposes, In- cluding Sunday Schools.
	Home Expenses.	Minutes.	Domestic Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Youth's Societies.	Bible and Publication Work.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' Home and Widows' Fund.	Support of Church Poor.	Local Charities.	Other Objects.	Total Benevolence.	
STONINGTON UNION ASS'N.																
Groton, First,	\$1,938.30	\$3.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	....	\$11.21	2.60	\$3.00	....	....	\$36.78	\$117.99	\$1,439.34
North Stonington, First,	30.00	2.00	10.00	4.00	.....	\$10.00	.....	....	.....	.....	\$3.00	....	....	.....	39.00	831.71
Myrtle River, Union,.....	2,702.37	8.00	32.32	15.00	31.79	114.00	54.10	....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	76.00	382.60	3,251.42
Stonington, First,.....	1,400.00	5.00	72.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	17.04	.....	63.00	....	....	.....	154.04	1,604.04
Plainfield, Union.....	1,300.00	2.00	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	56.25	1,356.25
Sterling,.....	790.00	1.50	12.00	7.50	11.25	.....	37.00	....	.....	2.00	.....	....	....	.....	98.50	826.40
Preston City.....	1,212.92	3.00	10.75	10.00	11.75	.....	18.70	....	5.50	.....	1.25	....	....	.....	57.95	1,311.70
Packerville,.....	1,032.29	2.00	12.00	26.05	7.00	.....	21.56	....	5.00	.....	.....	....	....	.....	71.62	1,134.14
No. Stonington, Third.....	1,275.00	3.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	15.00	....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	19.00	1,309.88
Voluntown,.....	750.00	2.00	5.00	10.00	5.50	.....	3.50	....	2.50	.....	3.00	....	....	.....	29.50	811.50
Jewett City,.....	1,047.72	5.00	13.77	72.69	96.10	18.80	22.21	....	14.98	.....	.....	....	\$43.76	47.40	237.81	1,385.53
Groton Heights,.....	1,300.00	3.00	5.42	.....	18.80	.....	20.00	....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	20.50	94.02	1,475.37
Noank,.....	1,113.02	5.00	35.00	30.00	.....	.....	.....	....	30.88	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	123.88	1,341.90
Stonington, Third,.....	561.21	1.00	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	2.00	....	.....	2.00	7.00	608.73
Poquonoc Bridge,.....	475.00	1.00	7.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	5.00	.....	....	.....	.....	20.50	899.50
No. Stonington, Second.....	450.00	1.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	451.50
Totals,.....	\$16,947.53	\$48.50	\$243.76	\$196.25	\$159.19	\$142.80	\$209.07	....	\$90.11	\$9.60	\$74.25	....	\$43.76	\$202.68	\$1,371.47	\$19,620.61
ASHFORD ASSOCIATION.																
Woodstock, First,	\$400.00	\$2.00	.....	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$10.00	....	\$11.35	\$6.02	.....	....	....	\$65.30	\$100.55	\$527.00
Eastford,.....	320.00	2.00	.....	23.00	24.00	2.50	2.50	....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	78.02	402.02
Woodstock, Second.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.50	....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	12.10	12.10
Tolland,.....	330.00	2.00	6.90	5.25	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	13.15	338.00
Stafford,.....	255.00	1.00	7.00	.....	.....	.....	22.00	....	3.00	.....	.....	....	....	.....	67.00	328.00
Mansfield,.....	525.89	1.50	20.00	6.50	7.50	34.04	7.25	\$38.80	20.00	5.00	.....	\$3.17	.....	.....	142.30	691.79
Andover,.....	575.00	2.00	5.10	7.75	16.00	.....	.....	....	.....	6.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	90.41	937.40
Willmarctic,.....	1,569.73	5.00	37.17	51.60	23.00	.....	23.00	15.00	.....	.....	.....	29.75	.....	.....	35.35	2,007.50
Willington,.....	600.00	3.00	16.40	14.25	35.26	13.75	.....	.....	10.33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	132.29	827.74
Brooklyn,.....	801.70	4.00	4.35	4.98	2.69	.....	9.00	.....	2.15	1.37	.....	.....	.....	.....	94.54	887.64
Thompson Central,.....	600.00	4.00	6.90	18.25	15.25	5.00	13.00	8.00	.....	4.25	.....	....	....	.....	70.65	682.65

HOME EXPENSES AND BENEVOLENCE.—Continued.

CHURCHES.		EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.												
	Home Expenses.	Minutes.	Domestic Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Youth's Mission Society.	Bible and pub- lication work.	Ministerial Education.	Home and Widows' Fund.	Support of Church Poor.	Local Charities.	Other Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Money Raised for all Purposes In- cluding Sunday School.
Thompson East.	\$270.00	\$2.00	71.14	100.00	323.76	150.00	116.54	155.04	73.22	35.82	22.00	60.54	...	...	\$1,093.06	\$292.00
Putnam.	3,044.53	12.00	29.00	43.00	45.10	64.95	46.65	117.99	...	...	...	...	...	...	343.60	4,387.91
Danielsonville.	1,546.50	8.00	1.50	...	45.10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.50	1,932.14
Ashtford, Second.	162.00	1.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	164.50
Totals.	\$11,153.37	\$52.50	\$222.46	\$290.18	\$424.37	\$305.24	\$261.44	\$334.74	\$131.05	\$59.96	\$22.00	\$96.46	...	\$101.68	\$2,246.58	\$14,412.35
NEW LONDON ASS'N. *																
Waterford, First.	\$1,350.00	\$5.00	15.70	16.42	290.52	30.36	32.90	16.00	...	...	\$14.00	...	...	\$27.00	\$172.90	\$1,619.90
East Lyme, First.	700.00	2.00	...	10.00	5.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	915.00	15.00	751.00
Norwich, First.	2,300.00	5.00	20.00	...	...	60.00	46.00	...	10.00	135.00	...	\$82.70	\$26.00	...	1,295.30	3,868.91
New London, First.	3,413.00	6.00	37.00	180.00	70.00	40.97	40.37	198.41	40.00	55.00	35.00	141.12	...	51.17	889.64	4,719.69
Lebanon.	760.00	3.00	...	...	10.00	13.79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23.79	810.95
East Haddam, Central.	297.00	2.50	12.00	8.00	7.72	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27.72	1,048.93
North Lyme.	550.00	2.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	10.00	15.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	103.00	655.00
Cheslerfield.	350.00	1.50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	351.00
Waterford, Second.	...	1.50	...	12.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12.00	35.50
Cochester Borough.	768.00	3.00	7.00	8.15	7.31	...	95.00	87.37	50.00	35.53	50.00	319.68	316.69	612.54	47.46	818.46
Norwich, Central.	4,615.73	10.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	105.07	87.57	27.27	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,964.63	6,961.84
East Lyme, Second.	1,290.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	11.00	9.56	...	...	...	...	50.00	89.56	1,361.21
Montville, Union.	1,121.28	3.00	...	25.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25.00	1,222.28
Old Lyme.	925.00	1.50	4.14	4.86	5.17	5.00	...	...	1.46	1.67	1.00	...	...	...	23.30	963.80
Norwich, Third.	950.00	2.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	55.63	...	...	9.36	...	...	25.49	...	...	108.48	1,132.96
New London, Huntingdon-st.	1,751.48	5.00	...	28.18	37.37	35.00	...	...	...	...	...	42.12	...	35.00	145.67	2,110.15
Norwich, Mt. Calvary.	1,008.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6.00	44.49	...	94.95	1,652.86
Fitchville.	950.00	2.00	10.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.00	993.00
Totals.	\$23,598.49	\$51.00	\$231.84	\$433.61	\$304.09	\$417.52	\$253.24	\$252.66	\$120.33	\$227.20	\$100.00	\$617.11	\$387.18	\$1,960.20	\$5,048.43	\$30,544.58

* Baltic, Salem, Colchester and Bozrah not reported.

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† \$1,200 of this was paid on church debt.

+ \$1,338.75 of this was spent on Parsonage.

* \$597 of this for German Mission.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND HOME EXPENDITURES.

Churches.	Home Expenses.	Minutes.	Domestic Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Mission.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Youth's Mission Societies.	Bible and Publication Work.	Ministerial Education.	Ministry's Home.	Support of Church Poor.	Local Charities.	Other objects.	Total Benevolence.	Reported last Year.	For all purposes including Sunday Schools.
NEW HAVEN ASS'N																	
Southington.....	\$1,700	\$250	\$12.84	\$27.72	\$15.80	\$21.50	\$20.12	\$40.00	\$4.72	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$47.00	\$164.98	\$120.72	\$23
First Saybrook.....	638	4.35	5.45	1.49	75.22	90.15	14.70	37.00	102.35	\$137.41	\$56.00	\$24.95	.....	80.81	37.92	41.69	5,276.23
" Middletown.....	3,400	5.00	72.21	149.25	75.22	90.15	154.50	47.80	102.35	15.07	.....	185.25	.....	80.81	942.88	236.10	3,181.23
Clinton.....	2,398	5.00	41.74	30.40	31.28	91.50	103.54	20.00	18.00	15.07	.....	7.50	.....	9.50	573.46	936.03	1,366.06
Cromwell.....	1,337	3.00	21.00	17.50	22.50	24.01	26.03	4.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	61.01	48.35	1,495.71
Waterbury.....	1,380	1.50	8.75	14.00	11.25	60.00	12.00	50.00	.....	12.00	25.00	31.10	32.72	27.43	373.52	502.35	4,606.12
Watertown.....	4,087	5.00	44.00	11.75	.....	.....	87.67	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43.75	86.40	1,090.97
Westport.....	1,300	4.00	10.00	.....	6.00	73.00	73.00	.....	30.00	52.02	.....	493.87	203.81	25.00	330.00	291.00	1,737.66
First New Haven.....	6,594	10.00	402.48	201.13	374.33	462.37	21.40	.....	36.13	20.05	12.52	57.08	.....	178.96	2,024.72	2,661.26	9,981.30
Wallington.....	2,593	5.00	40.11	61.41	168.69	41.71	19.00	7.05	48.72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	369.29	382.72	2,836.23
Haddam.....	600	2.00	6.00	11.54	12.50	11.75	19.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	369.29	382.72	2,836.23
Deep River.....	1,500	1.50	15.42	66.04	78.93	30.00	33.00	7.05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	369.29	382.72	2,836.23
Chester.....	1,000	3.00	13.00	23.80	33.00	30.00	23.00	18.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	369.29	382.72	2,836.23
Branford.....	1,300	2.00	7.58	4.00	.....	.....	12.00	.....	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	369.29	382.72	2,836.23
Emmanuel, New Haven	1,211	.....	16.10	16.72	5.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	369.29	382.72	2,836.23
Main St., Meriden.....	3,100	5.00	35.00	73.00	16.72	77.00	37.00	.....	9.00	7.00	.....	35.08	.....	344.48	537.48	1,104.06	4,114.24
German, New Haven.....	1,233	1.00	29.00	95.00	66.90	45.00	39.00	15.00	25.00	30.00	15.00	103.79	188.00	306.30	1,991.03	316.00	1,911.21
Calvary, New Haven.....	6,600	10.00	38.30	52.75	107.00	413.75	249.05	12.00	25.00	19.10	11.00	52.79	.....	38.20	1,991.03	316.00	3,933.86
Grand Av., New Haven	1,700	3.00	25.00	13.00	11.16	59.80	71.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	387.09	321.74	2,361.76
Plainville.....	988	2.00	25.00	13.00	11.16	59.80	71.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60.16	60.00	1,108.11
German, Meriden.....	1,100	1.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	11.75	17.40	2.50	30.40	6.71	.....	66.40	4.07	7.00	10.78	11.07	785.45
Ansonia.....	1,800	3.00	12.38	17.00	17.00	11.75	17.40	2.50	30.40	6.71	.....	66.40	4.07	7.00	10.78	11.07	785.45
Yonkers.....	563	2.00	23.42	240.67	32.62	12.00	.....	.....	48.62	33.25	.....	5.00	.....	75.00	171.83	135.05	2,169.11
Shelton.....	1,119	1.00	22.40	240.67	32.62	12.00	.....	.....	48.62	33.25	.....	5.00	.....	75.00	171.83	135.05	2,169.11
Swedish, New Haven.....	620	.....	.....	21.00	.....	.....	18.00	.....	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00	91.90	561.08	1,092.62
Danish, New Haven.....	295	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	12.00	61.00	67.00	1,346.64
Totals	\$49,658	\$80.40	\$1,192.23	\$1,138.81	\$1,171.87	\$1,492.99	\$1,233.12	\$191.85	\$412.93	\$380.72	\$119.42	\$1,479.62	\$452.24	\$1,304.95	\$10,569.64	\$12,462.49	\$55,659.25
Totals last year	\$49,215	\$82.00	\$707.66	1,295.52	\$1,359.81	\$1,192.16	\$1,174.15	\$286.73	\$436.52	\$469.53	\$45.10	\$1,344.79	\$482.65	\$3,449.50	\$12,462.49	\$66,224.59

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

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STONINGTON UNION ASS'N														
Groton, First.....	Simoon Gallup.	Zella Chipman.	92	76	107	905	52	106	108	16	637	\$30.05	*\$31.78 No.	
No. Stonington, First.....	James B. Cook.	Smith T. Pabst.	12	35	52	88	37	37	39	..	490	11.76	22.83 No.	
Madison, First.....	W. E. P.	Chas. R. Heath.	39	125	136	300	59	192	192	1	500	217.84	5.00 Yes.	
Stonington, First.....	Erasmus D. Smith.	E. E. Bradley.	20	75	75	170	52	106	60	..	500	100.00	5.00 Yes.	
No. Stonington, Second.....	Rev. C. E. Piper.	Mrs. C. E. Piper.	10	25	30	65	30	30	..	..	..	..	..
Plainfield, Union.....	Waldo Tillinghast.	Daniel Groves.	14	60	30	114	53	75	60	..	300	100.00	*70.00 Yes.	
Preston City.....	W. B. Finch.	Chas. E. Hallett.	15	40	60	119	50	65	..	..	480	37.92	..	
Sterling.....	Dea. E. Park.	E. Freeman.	9	20	41	70	52	39	30	2	210	16.00	..	
Packerville.....	Wm. Shephard.	Miss M. P. Hopkins.	14	20	28	62	..	43	32	..	331	18.23	..	
No. Stonington, Third.....	Rev. H. Hillard.	Thomas W. Wheeler.	14	39	52	105	44	58	52	2	200	14.82	..	
Voluntown.....	Rev. J. Dewhurst.	Miss Julia A. Fish.	12	45	55	112	..	42	45	..	450	30.00	..	
Jewett City.....	Daniel L. Phillips.	E. C. Wilcox.	22	60	75	157	..	106	90	3	554	95.00	..	
Quinnaburg.....	Leander Wilcox.	Cornelius Miner.	11	28	30	69	..	36	36	1	200	15.52	..	
Nook.....	Robert Palmer.	R. E. Fitch.	22	83	90	195	53	112	98	1	437	77.75	..	
Stonington, Third.....	W. M. Chester.	W. J. F. Ross, Jr.	28	130	130	258	51	165	104	13	495	65.00	90.00 Yes.	
Portsmouth, Third.....	Herman C. Ross.	Benj. F. Chapman.	18	26	54	59	5	23	38	..	460	33.53	6.00 No.	
Yononoc Lake.....	Vyrus Avery.	Mrs. J. L. Danison.	13	30	29	50	..	96	10	..	50	5.00	..	
Lantern Hill.....	Calvin Williams.	E. Palmer.	6	23	27	56	..	20	..	..	131	5.00	..	
Laurel Glen.....	Benj. Thompson.	Mrs. Rose C. Hoxie.	9	26	28	63	..	34	23	14	300	6.15	..	
Totals, 20	20	20	311	954	1126	2421	1336	1020	61	6645	\$88.56	\$62.86		
ASHFORD ASSOCIATION.														
Woodstock, First.....	J. P. Gage.	G. H. Corbin.	9	22	61	92	45	44	54	3	136	\$13.00	\$11.35 No.	
East Killingly.....	Wm. H. Onley.	Grace Columbus.	7	6	20	53	52	30	16	..	230	..	..
Woodstock, Second.....	Fred. Davidson.	Mrs. V. E. Davidson.	8	17	51	76	52	36	25	..	245	..	..
Tolland.....	Geo. P. Field.	Gertrude E. Hawkins.	9	18	33	60	52	25	29	4	235	25.71	7.25 No.	
Stafford.....	F. L. Batchelder.	Lon. Gardner.	10	15	35	60	52	35	26	1	300	35.00	..	
Mansfield.....	C. W. Hill.	Wm. A. Brown.	7	15	32	54	44	22	25	4	190	14.14	5.00 No.	
Andover.....	Edgar D. White.	Wm. N. Potter.	10	18	38	66	48	28	21	5	238	12.05	..	
Willimantic.....	John Hawkins.	W. A. Potter.	30	131	136	347	52	146	112	17	280	936.41	31.00 No.	
Willington.....	J. B. Carpenter.	Albert Sharp.	9	25	30	64	43	40	200	41.50	44.63 No.	

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Brooklyn,	J. W. Chapman,	10	41	73	124	50	52	69	20	\$23.00	\$4.50 No.	...
Thompson, Central,	John P. Converse,	Annie Chase,	12	28	47	87	47	40	45	...	300	8.00 No.	...
Thompson, East,	A. T. Sheldon,	James Frawley,	8	19	31	58	...	25	2	...	100	... No.	...
Warrenville, . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patham,	Edward E. Smith,	James P. Bowen,	35	206	343	594	52	298	...	6	338	143.37	165.25 No.
Danelsorville,	F. T. Preston,	C. R. Baldwin,	22	80	113	215	52	110	98	22	475	73.84	11.2 No.
Westford,	A. Olin Griggs,	Miss S. F. Carpenter,	6	...	...	...	45	...	20	...	32	... No.	...
Totals,	17	15	192	641	1093	192	...	886	545	84	3777	\$667.02	\$283.18
NEW LONDON ASS'N.													
Waterford, First,	T. F. Powers,	C. A. Gallup,	18	64	136	218	44	102	120	...	176	\$92.00	... No.
East Lyme, First,	J. W. Kenney,	Mrs. F. E. Newton,	18	32	79	139	52	45	5	...	160	84.00	... No.
Norwich, First,	Wm. R. Cowan,	H. E. Bronson,	29	104	123	255	52	135	95	...	400	261.88	\$6.73 No.
New London, First,	Joseph Starr,	E. D. Keeney,	37	133	129	304	52	185	114	8	325	295.00	*40.17 No.
New Lond'n, Ocean Av. Mts.,	G. A. Lester, . . . . .	...	11	40	60	111	...	68	...	...	...	116.60	... No.
Lebanon,	N. C. Barker,	Clara Avery,	13	40	60	114	40	40	38	...	...	18.16	... No.
East Haddam, Central,	E. E. Williams, M.D.,	Ida D. Stark,	12	37	33	82	49	39	18	8	150	...	... No.
North Lyme,	C. S. Jewitt,	John F. Beck,	16	30	39	85	52	...	...	...	43.71	...	... No.
Chesterfield,	J. M. Whiting,	Ida S. Daniels,	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	... No.
Coldwater, Borough,	L. C. Fowers,	C. F. Brown,	10	...	...	59	52	27	...	...	...	...	... No.
Norwich, Central,	C. F. Setchell,	R. J. Wilcox,	44	157	229	487	52	272	280	25	800	506.21	63.00 No.
East Lyme, Second,	Rev. J. Naylor,	Mrs. M. A. Carter,	21	63	79	162	52	45	58	...	378	48.45	25.22 No.
Montville, Union,	Rev. S. G. Sillman,	Frank Rogers,	11	33	51	121	52	97	11	...	250	15.00	13.00 No.
Old Lyme, Third,	Rev. S. G. Sillman, . . . . .	...	15	30	33	...	...	76	24	...	400	45.00	12.40 No.
Norwich, Third,	Rev. B. Mahon,	Mrs. N. W. Stebbins,	18	...	...	129	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New London, Huntington St.,	Wm. E. Gunn,	C. Robert Gates,	26	110	142	278	52	116	70	...	400	150.00	55.00 No.
Fitchville,	Rev. D. C. Easton,	Josie Day,	13	51	42	116	52	55	26	4	60	20.97	... No.
Totals,	17	17	319	...	...	2673	...	1304	971	45	3,731	\$1504.39	\$174.95

* Included in Church Benevolence.

FAIRFIELD ASS'N.													
Stratfield,	Rev. F. P. Lynch,	Julian B. Wilson,	12	117	199	85	40	223	1	150	\$70.00	\$11.00 No.	
Danbury, First,	J. G. Snelling,	George Goulden,	40	117	199	356	202	160	54	625	200.00	425.53 Yes.	
Danbury, Second,	Rev. H. C. Harrington,	Thos. Gillett,	8	25	29	62	40	13	...	300	...	...
Easton,	J. S. Everett,	Fred. Lycett,	51	175	160	386	224	154	...	750	145.43	58.36 No.	
Norwalk,	C. S. Ambler,	John Tomlinson,	12	...	...	88	38	60	...	165	...	28.91
Bridgeport, First,	J. L. Ambler,	Fanny Burkhardt,	21	92	82	195	110	74	8	300	150.00	12.00 No.	
White Hills,	Wm. A. Grippen,	Mary E. W. White,	35	110	211	356	188	114	2	700	280.10	130.56 No.	
Steney,	G. W. Drew,	Harry C. Shearer,	8	...	...	25	24	3	...	150	20.00	...
Mill Plain,	Burr Hawley,	Stephen T. Wood,	15	...	...	98	63	51	...	...	75.00	...
South Norwalk,	A. H. Ferguson,	E. B. Gorgas,	5	16	11	32	10	...	...	225	...	...
Kowayton,	John W. Bogardus,	Edward Williams,	24	110	11	215	130	85	3	319	...	50.00 No.	
New Bedford,	William Stevens, . . . . .	...	11	38	28	77	36	27	...	150	71.71	...
New Milford,	S. Couch, . . . . .	...	7	35	28	70	43	16	...	1312	...	...
Bridgeport, E. W. Ave.,	John A. Weed, . . . . .	...	6	22	18	46	16	13	...	150	41.13	2.00 No.
Bridgeport, Swede,	John W. Barnes, . . . . .	...	37	...	...	225	180	98	25	305	...	...
Bridgeport, Messiah,	B. R. Chandler, . . . . .	...	8	7	9	19	10	12	...	6	2.76	Yes.
Stratford,	Rev. F. G. Fowke, . . . . .	...	7	12	22	41	26	6	1	72	7.90	9.60 No.
Totals, 1888,	18	13	302	759	878	2371	1366	908	94	4157	\$1,076.61	\$727.96	
HARTFORD ASSO'N.													
Suffield, First,	F. E. Hastings,	W. E. Ford,	7	30	36	73	35	20	...	250	\$10.00	...	
Wethersfield,	E. P. Bond,	My Morton,	6	4	18	28	51	14	...	475	...	...
Cornwall, College st.,	R. F. Thompson,	Frank A. Blake,	9	15	27	49	14	10	...	200	6.24	\$9.48 No.	
Bloomfield, . . . . .	...	...	9	18	20	47	38	25	...	...	...	...
Hartford, First,	Luther C. Glazier,	Geo. T. Udey,	47	147	206	400	52	210	105	5	1035	170.00	55.00 No.
Pistol,	Wm. Russell,	Meta A. Alcott,	22	80	100	202	52	175	98	24	770	142.12	89.48 No.
No. Colebrook,	F. B. Hathaway,	C. A. Fuller,	9	23	5	37	16	30	8	1	100	8.00	No.
South Second,	W. F. Walker,	Geo. Rapelye,	21	50	59	130	85	270	11	900	242.98	10.00 Yes.	
New Britain,	C. Parmelee,	John Willoughby,	46	225	223	494	51	231	11	900	242.98	10.00 Yes.	
New Windsor,	Wm. H. Pease,	W. S. Jacobs,	9	36	20	65	30	23	5	400	90.00	No.	
Tadfield,	H. M. Jacobs,	Selbie Bass,	11	12	28	51	48	26	23	5	240	30.00	No.
Hartford, South,	Austin M. Tutlar,	Ellen G. Miller,	42	160	144	346	52	187	145	7	1550	160.00	81.08 No.
South Colebrook,	Silas Griswold,	Wm. H. Smith,	5	19	13	30	45	18	11	...	...	...
Bantam,	Wm. H. Smith,	John A. Wiley,	4	20	16	40	26	30	10	...	...	...
Plainville,	Samuel Bull,	Florence S. Leonard,	11	30	53	94	50	52	35	...	302	43.00	...
New Hartford,	Wilbur M. Stone,	John Reif,	13	50	48	111	52	63	89	...	275	66.00	...
Hartford, Asylum Ave.,	John C. Hodges,	L. M. Hastings,	19	55	67	141	48	79	...	3	300	122.00	53.00 No.
Rainbow,	John O. Taylor, . . . . .	...	11	25	26	62	53	35	...	250	58.36	13.75 No.
Hartford, Union,	Heinrich Rodewald, . . . . .	...	16	20	20	45	33	35	...	100	25.75	...
New Britain, German,	M. W. Loomis, . . . . .	...	10	40	70	80	33	35	...	190	65.00	4.00 No.
Rockville,	Mrs. C. C. Maher,	14	51	71	136	52	68	30	2	400	88.12	7.00 Yes.
Hartford, Memorial,	H. M. Dickinson, . . . . .	...	27	60	70	151	59	70	2	250	135.00	...
Cornwall Hollow,	S. M. Scovel,	7	13	11	31	20	8	...	100	18.16	...	
Totals, 1889,	22	19	353	1180	1289	3932	1702	1081	59	8032	\$51,507.75	\$944.04	

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NEW HAVEN ASS'N.														
Southington.....	J. S. Caldwell.....	Mrs. J. S. Caldwell.....	20	80	45	145	52	88	56	5	\$100.00	\$48.87	Yes.
Saybrook.....	Rev. W. B. Vassar.....	Flora L. Hull.....	7	19	13	39	51	17	12	.....	125	6.90	.....	No.
Meriden, First.....	David S. Root.....	Lewis H. Perkins.....	42	135	134	311	51	166	125	30	.....	395.54	500.27	Yes.
" " Olive Branch.....	R. B. Perkins.....	E. M. Ives.....	15	40	32	87	53	53	61	30	1	446	32.54	Yes.
Middletown, First.....	A. B. Ryan.....	W. E. Fuller.....	35	91	148	273	52	151	137	16	.....	222.90	71.87	Yes.
Clinton.....	R. E. Whittenore.....	W. H. Kelsey.....	13	34	44	91	52	42	.....	.....	150	37.06	.....	No.
Cromwell.....	H. W. Stocking.....	Lottie L. Warner.....	12	66	42	117	52	70	38	2	375	96.06	15.18	No.
Waterbury.....	W. C. Meyers.....	N. J. Dillon.....	31	240	209	449	52	216	.....	5	.....	63.00	63.00	No.
" " Simonsville.....	R. G. Snagg.....	Mrs. W. F. Broneke.....	13	50	63	126	52	81	.....	.....	.....	77.60	.....	No.
Montwese.....	Mrs. Lydia Ford.....	Ramden W. Barnes.....	15	40	55	110	47	57	29	.....	417	90.52	*18.04	No.
Essex.....	B. A. Gladding.....	Miss C. G. Waterhouse.....	13	45	33	91	53	68	45	3	200	73.62	40.04	No.
New Haven, First.....	P. N. Welch.....	M. R. Durban.....	63	180	191	434	52	288	223	19	510	448.48	*363.49	Yes.
" " Hope Chapel.....	S. O. Preston.....	H. J. Downs.....	24	184	31	239	52	183	.....	.....	.....	300.00	.....	Yes.
Wallingford.....	C. H. Brown.....	R. M. Mansfield.....	27	77	110	217	52	119	104	5	794	207.97	54.03	Yes.
Haddam.....	F. H. Barry.....	Dea. B. Shattell.....	11	17	23	51	50	26	18	.....	.....	7.50	.....	No.
Deep River.....	Edwin Andrews.....	C. S. Southworth.....	29	73	98	200	52	111	63	6	337	118.30	52.00	No.
Chester.....	C. P. Watrous.....	Sarah H. Huxstep.....	18	86	64	168	52	68	56	7	168	50.84	9.47	No.
Branford.....	H. W. Hubbard.....	W. N. Boynton.....	17	42	72	131	52	60	54	.....	250	91.03	10.58	No.
New Haven, Emmanuel.....	Edward Randolph.....	Mrs. Hattie Allen.....	16	65	45	126	52	70	40	7	400	53.00	*40.00	No.
Meriden, Main St.....	W. A. Breckinridge.....	Lucy A. Woods.....	33	170	124	327	52	156	90	.....	488	102.08	119.61	No.
" " Britannia St.....	J. H. Breckinridge.....	G. J. Reiman.....	18	91	27	136	51	75	.....	.....	210	200.00	.....	No.
" " West Mission.....	E. R. Ives.....	Dea. P. A. Spencer.....	17	76	15	108	50	59	20	.....	100	50.07	.....	No.
New Haven, German.....	E. Grisand.....	John Fischer.....	36	150	22	208	52	175	50	1	188	117.46	15.72	Yes.
" " Calvary.....	Giles Potter.....	A. I. Ward.....	57	216	175	448	48	334	150	4	1650	607.23	60.00	No.
" " Mission.....	E. J. Walker, M. D.....	H. H. Ekins.....	15	70	85	170	52	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	65.00	Yes.
" " Grand Ave.....	J. P. Merrow.....	Arthur Skinner.....	36	181	320	53	53	183	64	5	500	217.68	43.99	Yes.
Plantsville.....	Rev. E. S. Holloway.....	G. R. Bond.....	11	72	53	136	52	73	58	8	250	63.00	7.95	Yes.
Meriden, German.....	C. M. Pitel.....	Charles Dexter.....	17	42	30	89	52	67	40	2	161	43.67	.....	Yes.
Ansonia.....	S. M. Watrous.....	C. E. Spencer.....	27	109	56	202	52	143	75	7	450	94.50	36.78	Yes.
Yalesville.....	G. I. Mix.....	Chas. Schwab.....	17	52	40	106	50	66	22	.....	500	59.16	.....	No.
Shelton.....	W. E. Tomlinson.....	S. W. White.....	17	84	44	145	52	78	59	19	300	74.52	60.22	No.
New Haven, Danish.....	Lorenz Rits.....	Peter Jepson.....	4	8	10	22	52	22	12	.....	.....	36.00	.....	Yes.
Totals.....		32 Schools.....	726	2807	2214	5747		3458		152	10201	\$4077.13	\$1895.61	.....
Last year.....		33 Schools.....	710	2917	2450	6077		3725		169		2777.35	1,274.08	.....

* These being credited in the Church Benevolence are not footed up in this column.

SUMMARY FOR 1887-88.

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HISTORIC RECORD.

The Connecticut Baptist Convention, originally styled "The General Convention of the Baptist Churches of the State of Connecticut and vicinity," was first organized in Hartford, in October, 1823. No Annual Sermon was provided for until the session of 1826.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	PREACHER.	TEXT.
1823.	Hartford.	Asa Wilcox,	Augustus Bolles,		
1824.	Middletown,	Asa Wilcox,	Albert Day,		
1825.	Hartford,	Jonathan Goodwin,	Albert Day,		
1826.	Wallingford,	Jonathan Goodwin,	Albert Day,	J. M. Peck,	
1827.	Hartford,	Asahel Morse,	Albert Day,	Esck Brown,	
1828.	Middletown,	Jonathan Goodwin,	Gurdon Robins,	B. M. Hill,	
1829.	Hartford,	Rufus Babcock,	Gurdon Robins,	J. Cookson,	
1830.	Mansfield,	Elisha Cushman,	Gurdon Robins,	P. Hrockett,	Rom. 12: 14
1831.	Meriden,	Elisha Cushman,	Augustus Bolles,	G. Phippin,	Isa. 60: 1.
1832.	Middletown,	Elisha Cushman,	Albert Day,	G. Robins,	Psalm 133: 1.
1833.	Lebanon,	Elisha Cushman,	J. H. Linsley,	L. Kneeland,	2 Tim. 4: 5.
1834.	Hartford,	Elisha Cushman,	H. Stanwood,	N. Wildman,	Isa. 43: 21.
1835.	Middletown,	J. H. Linsley,	S. S. Mallory,	R. H. Neale,	Isa. 53: 1.
1836.	Norwich,	J. Cookson,	William Palmer,	S. H. Cone,	Luke 7: 38.
1837.	Hartford,	J. Cookson,	R. Turnbull,	J. Cookson,	Isa. 61: 11.
1838.	New London,	J. Cookson,	B. Cook,	B. Cook,	Jude 8.
1839.	New Haven,	J. H. Linsley,	H. Wooster,	R. Turnbull,	2 Cor. 5: 14, 15.
1840.	Essex,	George Reed,	William Reid,	F. Wightman,	Matt. 24: 14.
1841.	Hartford,	D. Ives,	J. S. Eaton,	R. Babcock,	John 4: 35-38.
1842.	Middletown,	D. Ives,	J. S. Eaton,	T. C. Teasdale,	
1843.	Norwich,	D. Ives,	E. Cushman,	J. Dowling,	Eph. 3: 10.
1844.	New Haven,	A. Parker,	E. Savage,	D. Ives,	2 Cor. 5: 14, 15.
1845.	New London,	J. S. Swan,	E. Savage,	A. Parker,	Num. 14: 21.
1846.	Hartford,	J. S. Swan,	E. Cushman,	A. G. Palmer,	Isa. 62: 1.
1847.	Deep River,	R. Turnbull,	E. Cushman,	J. S. Swan,	Num. 14: 8.
1848.	Suffield,	D. Ives,	E. Cushman,	E. Cushman,	1 John 5: 19.
1849.	Bristol,	H. Miller,	E. Cushman,	E. T. Hisecock,	Heb. 6: 10.
1850.	Danbury,	S. D. Phelps,	E. Cushman,	R. Turnbull,	Matt. 25: 40-45.
1851.	Stonington,	E. T. Hisecock,	E. Cushman,	C. Willett,	Eph. 1: 24.
1852.	New Haven,	J. S. Swan,	E. Cushman,	J. N. Murdock,	Luke 24: 24.
1853.	Norwich,	William Reid,	E. Cushman,	S. D. Phelps,	Isa. 63: 3.
1854.	Hartford,	J. N. Murdock,	E. Cushman,	H. Miller,	Matt. 10: 34-36.
1855.	Meriden,	L. Lewis,	E. Cushman,	J. L. Hodge,	Gal. 2: 20.
1856.	Middletown,	W. S. Clapp,	E. Cushman,	W. Reid,	Acts 1: 8.
1857.	New London,	C. Willett,	E. Cushman,	A. D. Denison,	Phil. 2: 15.
1858.	Southington,	F. Denison,	E. Cushman,	J. A. Bailey,	Psalm 130: 4.
1859.	Hartford,	S. D. Phelps,	E. Cushman,	W. Fitz,	2 Cor. 4: 7.
1860.	New Haven,	P. G. Wightman,	E. Cushman,	J. P. Brown,	2 Cor. 4: 4.
1861.	Norwich,	D. Ives,	E. Cushman,	D. H. Miller,	Isa. 42: 4.
1862.	Stamford,	J. P. Brown,	E. Cushman,	D. Ives,	1 Cor. 3: 6.
1863.	Willimantic,	C. S. Weaver,	E. Cushman,	C. B. Crane,	1 Cor. 1: 39.
1864.	Essex,	George Lovis,	E. Cushman,	G. M. Stone,	John 21: 4-6.
1865.	Danbury,	S. Graves,	E. Cushman,	S. D. Phelps,	1 Tim. 3: 15.
1866.	Hartford,	J. A. Bailey,	E. Cushman,	I. H. Gilbert,	2 Cor. 9: 22.
1867.	Mystic River,	C. B. Crane,	E. Cushman,	R. Turnbull,	Rev. 5: 10.
1868.	New Haven,	A. C. Bronson,	E. Cushman,	E. Lathrop,	1 Peter 2: 5.
1869.	Deep River,	R. J. Adams,	E. Cushman,	E. S. Morse,	Mark 1: 40 42.
1870.	New Britain,	A. P. Buel,	J. A. Bailey,	H. G. Mason,	Ecc. 9: 4.
1871.	Norwalk,	James L. Howard,	J. A. Bailey,	G. L. Hunt,	1 Tim. 4: 1, 2.
1872.	Waterbury,	James L. Howard,	J. A. Bailey,	A. G. Palmer,	Eph. 1: 18.
1873.	New Haven,	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull,	A. J. Sage,	1 Cor. 13: 3.
1874.	Putnam,	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull,	C. E. Smith,	Prov. 4: 23.
1875.	Hartford,	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull,	A. C. Hubbard,	
1876.	Suffield,	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull,	A. C. Hubbard,	Zech. 4: 6.
1877.	Norwich,	A. G. Palmer,	R. Turnbull,	F. F. Emerson,	Neh. 9: 6, 17.
1878.	Meriden,	E. Lathrop,	T. A. T. Hanna,	J. Davies,	Matt. 16: 3.
1879.	Danbury,	A. J. Sage,	T. A. T. Hanna,	B. F. Bronson,	1 Cor. 11: 1.
1880.	Bridgeport,	A. J. Sage,	T. A. T. Hanna,	J. M. Taylor,	1 Cor. 1: 21.
1881.	New London,	A. J. Sage,	T. A. T. Hanna,	J. K. Stubbett,	Jonah 3: 1.
1882.	Ansonia,	W. S. Bronson,	T. A. T. Hanna,	G. H. Miner,	1 Cor. 1: 24.
1883.	New Haven,	W. S. Bronson,	T. A. T. Hanna,	M. H. Pogson,	Acts 5: 30.
1884.	Norwich,	W. S. Bronson,	Elizur Cook,	O. C. Sargent,	Luke 2: 32.
1885.	Hartford,	W. S. Bronson,	Elizur Cook,	J. V. Garton,	Matt. 6: 10.
1886.	Waterbury,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	G. W. Holman,	Matt. 28: 20.
1887.	New Britain,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	B. W. Leckhart,	John 8: 37.
1888.	Hartford,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	D. H. Taylor,	1 John 4: 16.

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
BAPTIST MINISTERS OF CONNECTICUT.

SOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH,
HARTFORD, OCT. 15, 1888.

Rev. Dr. Stowe, the Moderator of last year, called the meeting to order. After singing, the presiding officer read the Scriptures and prayer was offered by the Rev. J. G. Ditmars. Minutes of the last conference were read and approved. Treasurer's report was read and ordered placed on file. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Moderator, REV. D. HENRY MILLER, D.D.

Secretary and Treasurer, REV. J. W. RICHARDSON.

First paper, by the Rev. J. V. Garton on the "Probable theory of the atonement," was a very scholastic and profoundly Biblical exposition of this doctrine and elicited much commendation. The second paper was read by the Rev. J. W. Richardson on "Christian Union, what it is, and is not." Owing to the lateness of the hour discussion on this paper was omitted. Rev. Dr. Stowe presented the claims of the "Ministers' Home," and brethren Stowe, Buttrick, and Reynolds, were appointed a committee to present to the Conference a plan for the care of its aged and disabled brethren, either directly, or through the agency of the Ministers' Home. Brethren Reynolds, Garner, and McKinney were appointed a Committee of Arrangements for next year. The same Board of Directors, as last year, were elected:

Hartford Association,	Geo. M. Stone, D.D.
New Haven "	A. E. Reynolds.
Southington "	A. G. Palmer.
Ashford "	J. R. Stubbett.
Fairfield "	A. C. Hubbard, D.D.

The same Board was elected to represent this body in the Ministers' Home, as last year; substituting, however, the name of D. H. Taylor for L. L. Potter. The trustees of the Home are Rev. G. M. Stone, D. D., Capt. E. Morgan, Mr. M. E. Morris, and Rev. D. H. Taylor. After prayer by the Rev. W. E. Chandler, Conference adjourned to 7:50 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Conference re-convened according to vote at 7:50. Rev. Dr. Miller, the Moderator, in the chair. After singing, the Rev. J. W. Richardson read the Scriptures, and prayer was offered by the Rev. W. P. Elsdon. The following report from the Committee of Arrangements was adopted: "That Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D., prepare a paper on The Relation of Science to Religion. Second paper by Rev. W. H. Butrick; and that the annual sermon be preached by Rev. W. D. McKinney, with Rev. B. J. Savage alternate." The annual Conference sermon was then preached by the Rev. I. R. Wheelock from II Tim. 2:2. It was an earnest and able sermon on the duty of "Committing the Gospel to others." The closing prayer was offered by the Rev. S. D. Phelps, D.D., and Rev. I. R. Wheelock pronounced the benediction. Adjourned.

• D. HENRY MILLER, D.D., *Moderator.*

J. W. RICHARDSON, *Secretary.*

CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

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Term Expires 1891.

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CHARTER

OF THE

CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.
Passed May, 1820.

SECTION. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened,* That Asahel Morse, Cabel Moore, Joseph B. Gilbert, John Bolles, Hezekiah Huntington, Elisha Cushman, Noadiah Woodruff, David King, Jesse Savage, Pierpont Brockett, David Bolles, Isaac Dwinnell, Eli Ball, George Mitchell, David Turner, Jeremiah Brown, Asahel Otis, Jonathan Goodwin, Jun., Orra Martin, Asa Talmadge, Chauncey Wheeler, Thomas Wheeler, Elijah Filley, and their associates, be and they are hereby formed into, constituted and made a body politic and corporate, by the name of "*The Connecticut Baptist Education Society,*" and by that name, they and their successors, shall, and may have perpetual succession, shall be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, in all suits of what nature soever, may have a common seal, and the same alter or change at pleasure. And may also have, purchase, receive, hold, and convey away, estate, real, personal, or mixed, the annual income of which shall not exceed three thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. The said Baptist Education Society may from time to time elect a president and such other officers and agents as they may find necessary or convenient; may elect and receive additional members; make by-laws respecting number, qualifications and duties of their officers and members; prescribe the mode of election and admission of members; the time, place and manner of holding their meetings; the number necessary to form a quorum; and all other by-laws and regulations, which said society may deem necessary for the government, and due regulation of its concerns, to promote and secure the essential objects of said society, as expressed in their constitution—not repugnant to the laws of this State or of the United States.

SEC. 3. The first meeting of said society shall be held at Hartford, on the first Wednesday of May, A. D. 1821.

SEC. 4. This act of incorporation, and every part thereof, may be altered, amended, or repealed at the pleasure of the General Assembly.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be known by the name of THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to assist indigent young men, who are called of God to preach the Gospel, in acquiring such mental discipline and culture as shall render them more useful in the kingdom of Christ.

ART. 3. The Society shall consist of such persons as pay into the treasury one dollar or more annually; also of delegates from churches and auxiliary societies, which shall be entitled to representation at the annual meeting as follows, viz.: Every church and auxiliary society contributing to the funds of the Society five dollars annually, shall be entitled to one delegate, and those contributing ten or more dollars, two delegates; the payment of fifteen dollars in advance shall constitute a membership for life.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and five Trustees, to be chosen annually in any manner the Society may determine.

ART. 5. The Society shall also elect by ballot, at its annual meeting, Trustees of the Connecticut Literary Institution, as provided by its amended charter, and actively foster and advance our educational interests in this State.

ART. 6. The officers of this Society shall constitute an Executive Committee to manage the concerns of the Society during its recess, to control its funds and property; to examine and admit candidates to the benefits of the Society; and at every annual meeting of the Society they shall make a faithful report of their doings the preceding year.

ART. 7. The Secretary shall keep a record of the beneficiaries, and record the acts of the Society and of the Executive Committee, draw all orders on the Treasurer authorized by said Committee, conduct the correspondence, give notice of meetings, and prepare the annual report of the Executive Committee to the Society. The Treasurer shall have charge of the current funds of the Society, and pay them out only to the order of the Secretary; he shall also safely hold all bonds, notes, deeds, and other evidences of property, belonging to the Society, giving ample security for these trusts. His accounts shall always be open to the inspection of the Executive Committee and Auditor, and he shall make a detailed report of the same quarterly to said Committee, and annually to the Society. The Auditor shall examine annually or oftener the accounts and securities of the Treasurer and certify the same.

ART. 8. The Executive Committee shall annually, at its first quarterly meeting, appoint a Finance Committee of three of its own members who shall negotiate and invest all legacies, bequests, and other permanent funds of the

Society, unless otherwise provided by their donors, according to the laws of Connecticut concerning trust funds.

ART. 9. The annual meeting of the Society for the election of officers and transaction of other necessary business shall be holden during the week and at the same place of each meeting of the Convention. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the President, at the request of five members of the Executive Committee. The business of the Society may be transacted at all regular meetings by a majority of the members present.

ART. 10. Every person admitted to the benefits of this Society must be a member of some regular Baptist Church. He must produce a letter from said church, certifying his good standing, and their commendation of him as one called of God to the ministry. He must satisfy the Executive Committee that he possesses gifts promising usefulness in the work; and he shall furthermore be recommended to the patronage of the Society by at least three regularly ordained ministers of the Baptist denomination.

ART. 11. No person shall be aided by this Society unless he shall certify his intention to take a full course of study, preparatory, collegiate, and theological, unless in the opinion of the Executive Committee his age and circumstances do not admit of such a course; and the institutions in which beneficiaries pursue their studies shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee; and voluntarily failing to enter the ministry or for sufficient cause being dropped from the list of beneficiaries, he shall refund the money with interest he has received from this Society.

ART. 12. The personal services of those who are appointed to manage the concern of the Society shall be in all respects gratuitous.

ART. 13. No alteration shall be made in the foregoing Constitution, except at an annual meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, written notice of the proposed change having been given and recorded one year previous to its adoption.

NOTICE.—All persons sending money to the Connecticut Baptist Education Society will please direct to EDWARD MILLER, Esq., Meriden.

All communications for the Board, or application for assistance, should be addressed to the Secretary, Rev. I. F. STIDHAM, New Britain.

The regular meetings of the Executive Committee are on the last Monday of December, March, June, and September, at 10.30 A. M., at the office of the Hon. JAMES L. HOWARD, Hartford, Conn.

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

HARTFORD, Oct. 17, 1888.

This meeting was called to order at 9:45 A. M. by the President, Rev. P. A. Nordell, D.D. After singing by the audience, "Jesus lover of my soul," Rev. G. A. Ballentine led in prayer.

The president delivered an opening address, after which he appointed Rev. B. J. Savage Recording Secretary, and announced the following committees:

On Enrollment—Dea. J. L. Dennison, Rev. J. A. Ward, Rev. W. G. Fennell.

On Nomination of Officers—Rev. J. R. Stubbett, Rev. F. E. Tower, Rev. E. W. Potter.

To Nominate Trustees of Connecticut Literary Institute—M. M. Johnson, M. D., Rev. C. A. Piddock, Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D.

The following report of the Executive Committee was then read by the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Stidham:

It becomes our duty to present to you a brief report of our work for the past year. There have been eleven students upon your list of beneficiaries; one of whom, closed his relations with us prematurely, and one has completed his Seminary course. Ten students have received full appropriations for the year. The Society enters upon the present official year with ten students upon its list, and two applicants in the hands of the Secretary. Of these students, six are in College, as follows: one senior in Amherst, one junior each, at Madison and Brown, one freshman and one sophomore at Yale, one in the Seminary at Rochester. The remaining students are in preparatory schools; one at Worcester Academy, and four at the Connecticut Literary

Institute. The appropriations for the year have been the full amount allowed by the Society. The report of your Treasurer will inform you of the state of the treasury, which this report will not anticipate.

At the first meeting, after the last annual meeting of your committee, it appointed, in accordance with the requirements of the constitution adopted at that meeting, a finance committee. This committee has had charge of the invested money of the Society, and has been endeavoring to affect a settlement of past investments. In the matter of the ten thousand dollars donated and invested some years since in a Colorado Irrigation Company, the present state of affairs will not justify us in hoping for any return of the investment. The money is in all probability lost. While, of course, we deplore the loss, yet we look for a compensation. The income was helpful, and it obviated the necessity of calling on the churches for contributions, to that degree that our churches have decreased their efforts to the necessities of each year. Thus the income of the Society dwindled from year to year. The necessities of other departments of church labor have gradually pushed the claims of this Society aside, until only a small part of our churches are helping in this matter. The last few years have been years of attempted recovery. In this matter of income, your attention is respectfully called to the fact that your Executive Committee is forbidden to employ aid in securing necessary funds to meet the requirements of our organization. Whatever of solicitation that is done, is the addition of labor to active pastorates, aided by the personal and written appeals of your Treasurer. It should be emphasized, that a very small proportion of our churches contribute to this Society. It has seemed our duty to help all worthy students of the State applying to us, and to pay them promptly. A very small amount from each church would enable us to do this without any embarrassment. The amount of money passing through the hands of your Treasurer does not represent the extent of the work of the State, as some churches are helping students directly. It does not seem necessary to make any plea to Connecticut churches, who are praying for an increase of the ministry, as to the need of an educated ministry, yet it does seem as though there was need of stirring our churches upon the human side of the question of securing laborers for the Lord's harvest. The man with the flail will not do for the most rural of our country churches. There are no back-woods now. The steam-thresher has antiquated the flail, and rapid transit has made all our populations neighbors to each other, and advantages which formerly only cities possessed, are common to all, and scattered among all. The demand by all our churches, and we are glad of it, is for educated men. Then it is to be remembered that there has been a steady falling off in the number of young men studying for the ministry in our schools of learning. Here, then, we have an increasing demand, and a steadily failing supply. A third fact remains to be remembered, that nearly all of the men called to the ministry are poor young men, who, unless their preparation is to be indefinite as to time, must be helped. This Society is organized to help them. But it has no income, except the contributions of the churches. The pastor of every non-contributing church in the State, received a per-

sonal letter, asking for a contribution, however small, to help the work, and the committee respectfully submit, that to the most of those addressed, the doors are still open. We earnestly entreat the pastors to care for this matter, and let us all remember, that in praying for the conversion of the world, that the value of our praying, may be estimated by the extent of our efforts. The world will never be converted unless they hear, and they cannot hear, unless hastening feet are seen upon the mountains. We but commend to you the interests of our common church, as we commend to you the needs of this important organization.

Respectfully submitted.

The report was adopted and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The Treasurer, Mr. Edward Miller, then read his report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

EDW. MILLER, *Treasurer*,

In account with CONN. BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

1887.		DR.	
Oct. 19.	To cash on hand,		\$67.17
	Annual memberships,		91.50
	Life membership, Mrs. E. S. Stubbett,		15.00
	Rev. C. W. Potter,		15.00
	Rev. J. B. Garton,		15.00
	Grand Ave. Church, New Haven,		5.60
	Bloomfield "		22.50
	Eastford "		6.02
29.	Annual Membership, Rev. J. G. Ward,		1.00
Nov. 19.	Asylum Ave. Church, Hartford,		10.00
Dec. 5.	Annual Membership, Mrs. C. P. Watrous,		1.00
	Mrs. J. S. Marsden,		1.00
19.	First Church, Wallingford,		10.03
1888.			
Jan. 13.	E. Wash. Ave. Church, Bridgeport,		14.00
18.	Second " Danbury,		15.00
Feb. 8.	N. Lyme " "		5.00
9.	Grand Ave. " New Haven,		5.48
13.	So. Windsor " "		10.00
27.	Union " Mystic,		15.00
Mar. 8.	First " N. Stonington,		2.60
23.	" and School, Yalesville,		8.08
28.	Benj. C. Kennard, loan,		225.00
Apr. 7.	Wallingford Church,		10.02
10.	New Milford " "		6.00

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Apr. 13.	Yalesville Church,		\$10.00
14.	Grand Ave.	" New Haven,	5.10
28.	Calvary	"	25.00
May 5.	Shelton	"	12.50
8.	Main St.	" Meriden,	7.00
12.	Central	" Norwich,	35.53
June. 8.	Life membership, J. W. Richardson,		15.00
	Putnam Church,		35.82
14.	Pequonnoc	"	5.00
21.	Sterling	"	2.00
30.	First	" Meriden,	50.44
July 11.	Central	" Thompson,	4.25
	Edward Miller, loan,		30.00
14.	A friend, Clinton,		5.00
21.	Edward Miller, loan,		25.00
27.	Tariffville Church,		5.00
Aug. 14.	Stepney	"	5.75
23.	Mansfield	"	5.00
27.	Life membership, Rev. F. W. Kneeland,		15.00
	Mrs. F. W. Kneeland,		15.00
Sept. 15.	Andover Church,		6.50
21.	Hon. Francis Wayland,		15.00
28.	First Church, New Haven,		52.62
Oct. 9.	New Britain,		25.12
	Grand Ave. Church, New Haven,		8.50
	Rockville,	"	1.00
13.	B. C. Kennard, loan,		140.00
15.	Edward Miller,	"	95.00
17.	Asylum Ave. Church, Hartford,		53.36
	First	" New London,	5.00
	Plainville	"	5.00
	Old Lyme	"	1.67
	First	" Hartford,	125.00
	Calvary	" New Haven,	25.00
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Oct. 19.	Services at Convention, Prof. B. O. True,		25.00
Dec. 29.	Appropriation, L. B. Curtis,		31.25
	W. V. Gray,		31.25
	H. M. Ives,		31.25
	H. E. Chapman,		31.25
	E. W. Cooper,		25.00
	A. L. Heatherington,		25.00
	E. W. Pease,		25.00
	F. E. Robbins,		25.00
	Jos. Walther,		25.00

1888.			
Mar. 26.	Appropriation, H. M. Ives,	31.25	
28.	L. B. Curtis,	31.25	
	W. V. Gray,	31.25	
31.	H. E. Chapman,	31.25	
	E. W. Cooper,	25.00	
	A. L. Heatherington,	25.00	
	E. W. Pease,	25.00	
	F. E. Robbins,	25.00	
	Jos. Walther,	25.00	
	Postage, etc., I. F. Stidham,	5.00	
	Printing Constitution, Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co.	1.75	
	Appropriation, G. W. Hodges,	62.50	
	Jacob Pfeiffer,	25.00	
	Printing Minutes, W. F. Walker,	30.00	
	Postage stamps,	1.00	
July 5.	Appropriation, G. M. Hodges,	31.25	
	Jacob Pfeiffer,	31.25	
	H. E. Chapman,	31.25	
	W. V. Grey,	31.25	
	H. M. Ives,	31.25	
11.	A. L. Heatherington,	25.00	
	E. J. Cooper,	25.00	
	E. W. Pease,	25.00	
	F. E. Robbins,	25.00	
21.	L. B. Curtis,	31.25	
Oct. 9.	W. V. Gray,	31.25	
	H. M. Ives,	31.25	
	H. E. Chapman,	31.25	
	G. W. Hodges,	31.25	
	Expenses, I. F. Stidham,	5.00	
11.	Appropriation, E. W. Pease,	31.25	
	E. J. Cooper,	25.00	
	A. L. Heatherington,	25.00	
	F. E. Robbins,	25.00	
	Jos. Walther,	50.00	
13.	Inst. on note, B. C. Rennard,	6.75	
18.	Cash on hand,	218.46	
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			\$1,449.21

HARTFORD, Oct. 16, 1888.

The above account has been examined and found to be correct.

THOMAS SISSON, *Auditor*.

Report was adopted and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

Rev. F. E. Tower gave an address entitled "New Lights on an Old Subject," attributing the rapid growth of Baptists largely to their superior educational facilities.

Rev. E. W. Potter addressed the meeting on "Our Unrecognized Obligation;" urging that it is the part of wisdom, to sharpen the axe to save labor.

Rev. G. H. Miner gave an earnest address, urging that it is the imperative duty of the churches to support the Education Society for the education of Christ's called ministers, as a means of developing the character of the church membership. After which Rev. G. M. Stone, D. D., introduced the following application, which was ordered printed in the minutes.

NEW HAVEN, Oct. 12, 1888.

TO THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY:

Dear Brethren—The increasing growth of our Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary work, and the many avenues now open for women to engage in direct Christian service in our towns and cities, demand additional well-trained and qualified laborers to enter these missionary fields.

There are in Connecticut, as well as in the other states, talented consecrated young women earnestly desiring to engage in special Christian service, who realize they have not yet the education and training to qualify them to be wise and efficient workers in such service.

Many of these have not the pecuniary means, to enable them to study and prepare themselves more fully for their chosen field of labor, and they are longing and praying that some aid may be given them.

A number of the ladies most deeply interested in the Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary work, have felt for two or three years, that some organized method should be adopted, through which needed assistance should be given to young women preparing for Christian service, as is given to young men studying for the ministry.

Last January, a conference of ladies met in New Haven, and soon after another in Hartford, to consider what plan would be best adapted to meet the demand now so urgently pressed upon us. The ladies unanimously deprecated forming a distinct Woman's Education Society, provided co-operation with the Connecticut Baptist Education Society could be satisfactorily arranged. Hence "a committee was appointed" to confer with the officers of this Society, respecting the feasibility of co-operation respecting the education of young women for missionary service.

Mrs. S. M. Whiting, and Mrs. S. D. Phelps, New Haven; Mrs. G. M. Stone, and Mrs. Bennett, Hartford, were appointed as the committee.

A communication was therefore sent to the Secretary of your Society, to which no official reply was given; but in conversation with some of the offi-

cers, we have been encouraged to hope a plan of co-operation might be practicable.

This committee would therefore respectfully petition that this matter be presented to your Society at their annual meeting, Oct. 17, 1888, and a decision given, whether a plan of co-operation to aid young women while preparing for missionary service can, or cannot be effected, with the Connecticut Baptist Education Society, and if the decision is favorable, on what basis.

It may be well to add, that the ladies interested in this effort, expect to receive from the women in our State a sufficient sum to meet the appropriations that shall be made to the young women who become beneficiaries.

In behalf of the committee,

Yours respectfully,

MRS. S. M. WHITING,
MRS. S. D. PHELPS,
MRS. G. M. STONE,
MRS. E. P. BENNETT.

On motion, a committee consisting of Rev. Dr. Stone, Rev. E. P. Bond, and M. M. Johnson, was appointed to report on the application.

The Committee on Nomination of Officers reported, recommending the following persons, who, on motion of Hon. J. L. Howard, were elected officers for the ensuing year:

<i>President,</i>	Rev. P. A. Nordell.
<i>Vice-Presidents,</i>	Rev. Geo. H. Miner and W. H. Butrick.
<i>Secretary,</i>	Rev. I. F. Stidham.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	Edward Miller, Esq.
<i>Auditor,</i>	Thomas Sisson, Esq.

M. M. Johnson, M. D., gave an address on "The Education of our Children;" indorsing, with emphasis, the Connecticut Literary Institution at Suffield.

On motion of Rev. E. P. Bond the committee on Ladies' Application (*supra*) were given time to report during the present year.

Prof. M. H. Smith spoke briefly, expressing the belief that only denominational schools can be permanent, because only they can conserve our liberties.

Dea. J. L. Dennison reported, for the Committee on Enrollment, \$95.10 had been collected.

The Committee on Nomination of Trustees recommended the following persons to fill vacancies:

Mr. A. J. Sloper, of New Britain, and Rev. E. M. Poteat, of New Haven, term expiring 1889. E. V. Preston, Esq., of Hartford, term expiring 1890, and new members as follows:

Rev. G. M. STONE, D.D., Hartford,	Rev. P. A. NORDELL, D.D., N. London,
Rev. G. H. MINER, Mystic River,	Rev. W. H. BUTRICK, New Haven,
M. T. NEWTON, M. D., Suffield,	Rev. W. V. GAENER, D.D., Bridgeport,
W. A. KELSEY, Esq., Meriden,	Rev. O. P. GIFFORD, Boston, Mass.,
SILAS CHAPMAN, Esq., Hartford,	F. C. ROCKWELL, Esq., Hartford,
H. W. IRVING, Esq., Hartford.	

On motion of Hon. J. L. Howard, M. M. Johnson, M. D., was instructed by and cast the vote of the Convention for the names in the report.

Rev. W. H. Butrick spoke some words of very high indorsement of Prof. Harper's works, and in particular of his inductive method in English Bible Study. Rev. C. A. Piddock spoke briefly in the same direction. After which prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Miner.

On motion by J. L. Dennison the Society adjourned.

Attest, I. F. STIDHAM, *Secretary*.

P. A. NORDELL, *President*.

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OF THE

CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY,

BY THE PAYMENT OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS AND UPWARDS.

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Allen, Rev. N. T.
Allen, William D.
Alling, Mrs. Mary E.
Alford, Elnathan
Ambler, Annie M.
Ambler, James L.
Anderson, Isaac
Andrews, Andrew
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Asby, Edward
Bailey, J. C.
Ballard, Rev. J.
Bartlett, Matthew J.
Bates, James N.
Batterson, James G.
Beach, Sharon Y.
Beach, Theodore B.
Beaumont, J.
Beers, George S.
Bill, Oliver A.
Birdsey, Linus
Birdsey, Alanson
Birdsey, R. C.
Bond, Rev. E. P.
Bond, Rev. J. E.
Bromley, Rev. Henry
Bromley, Isaac H.
Bronson, W. S.
Bronson, Frank S.
Brotherton, Cyrus C.
Brown, Rev. J. P.
Brown, L. R.
Burdick, George H.
Burdick, R. M.
Burdick, Mrs. J. M.
Burgess, Rev. Isaac J.
Burnett, Rev. J.
Butler, Mrs. Emily J.
Campbell, Miss Mary
Canfield, Charles
Chandler, George P.
Chapman, Silas, Jr.
Chase, Rev. J. N.
Clapp, Rev. W. S.
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Clark, Mrs. Lyman
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Clark, William B.
Cooper, Deacon D. S.
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Crane, Rev. C. B.

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Curtis, William A.
Cutler, William D.
Darrow, Rev. Allen
Davis, G. F.
Day, Albert F.
Day, H. B.
Dean, Rev. Wilfred
Denison, John L.
Denison, Rev. Frederic
Dimock, Joseph W.
Duncan, Rev. John
Ellwood, Helen
Evans, Rev. P. S.
Ewing, William A.
Fairman, James
Fellowes, W. Frank
Fillon, R. A.
Fitch, Dr. J. C.
Fitch, Mrs. J. C.
Freeman, Rev. A. L.
French, David
Fry, Mrs. John
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Johnson, Rev. Cyrus A.
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Kent, Henry P.
Keys, William
Kneeland, Rev. F. W.
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Lyon, Rev. D. D.
Marvin, George
Mason, Rev. A. F.
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Muzzy, Rev. Lawson
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Newell, E. Z.
Neale, Stephen Douglas
Newcomb, James
Nicholson, Rev. George W.
Nordell, Spaulding
Ostrander, Allen
Ostrander, Mrs. Sarah J.
Palmer, Rev. A. G.
Parker, S. A.
Pattison, Rev. W. P.
Pattison, Rev. T. Harwood

Pearson, Lucius T.
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 Perkins, R. B.
 Phelps, Rev. S. D.
 Phelps, Mrs. S. Amelia
 Phelps, Dryden W.
 Phelps, Arthur S.
 Phelps, William L.
 Pickett, Deacon William
 Plant, William
 Plant, Alfred
 Potter, Rev. C. W.
 Potter, Rev. L. L.
 Post, Julius P.
 Pratt, Horace H.
 Pratt, R. N.
 Preston, Edward V.
 Preston, S. T.
 Prowitt, Charles S.
 Prowitt, J. T.
 Prior, George
 Ray, Rev. C. W.
 Reid, Rev. William
 Reid, Mrs. William
 Richardson, Rev. J. W.
 Robbins, Rev. Henry E.
 Robbins, William H.
 Robinson, Silas
 Robinson, S. A.
 Robinson, Elizabeth
 Rogers, Calvin B.
 Sage, Rev. A. Judson
 Saunders, H. H.

Setchell, Charles F.
 Sexton, George
 Shelly, Russell T.
 Sibley, I. S.
 Sherwood, Mrs. T.
 Shipley, Deacon A.
 Silliman, Deacon Ezra
 Sisson, Thomas
 Slate, Daniel L.
 Slater, Rev. F. A.
 Sloper, A. J.
 Smith, Deacon C. G.
 Smith, Rev. J. Torrey
 Southworth, Levi B.
 Spencer, Carnot O.
 Spencer, Deacon J.
 Starkweather, Mrs. H. E.
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 Stevens, Dr. B. H.
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 Strickland, James L.
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 Sullivan, W. H.
 Taylor, Rev. D. H.
 Taylor, A. E.
 Taylor, Rev. J. A.
 Te rell, Edward
 Thompson, A. M.
 Thompson, D. W.

Towne, Rev. E. S.
 Tuller, G. W.
 Turner, Peter C.
 Turner, Mrs. Peter C.
 Twiss, Waldo
 Vann, Samuel A.
 Wakeman, Rev. L. H.
 Walker, W. F.
 Walker, Rev. O. T.
 Wallace, James A.
 Wayland, Hon. F.
 Weaver, Rev. C. S.
 Weller, Samuel
 West, L. M.
 West, Rev. W. Ward
 Wheaton, Rev. D. D.
 White, Abijah
 White, Mrs. Abigail
 White, J. W.
 Whitford, H. G.
 Wilbur, R. P.
 Wier, Stephen M.
 Wightman, J. E.
 Wightman, Rev. P. G.
 Wilcox, E. H.
 Willard, Charles E.
 Williams, Hon. D. J.
 Wilmot, George R.
 Wilson, Rev. Caleb
 Wilson, Rev. C. B.
 Wilson, Rev. R. J.
 Winship, Deacon Joseph

APPLICATION FOR AID.

When a young man applies for aid he is required to present a letter from his church in substance as follows:

THIS CERTIFIES that Mr. _____ is a regular member of the _____ Baptist Church in this town; that he sustains a good moral and religious character; that in the judgment of this church he is called by the Lord to the Christian ministry; and that he possesses talents which, with a good education, would render him useful in this sacred work. He is therefore, being indigent, recommended to the Connecticut Baptist Education Society for their patronage.

Signed by order and in behalf of the

Clerk.

Baptist Church in

Pastor.

This certificate must be endorsed by three regularly ordained ministers of the Baptist denomination, in addition to the signatures of the clerk and pastor of the church of which the applicant is a member.

ASSOCIATIONS.

THE STONINGTON UNION ASSOCIATION held its one hundred and sixteenth anniversary with the Third North Stonington Church, June 20th and 21st, 1888.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. A. J. Chandler of Mystic, from Mark 12: 42, "And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing."

The Association elected Rev. A. J. Chandler as Moderator, Rev. S. G. Hastings, Clerk. The letters from the churches were read, and the usual committee appointed. Rev. B. D. Halm, of Westerly, R. I., preached from Phil. 3: 20, "For our citizenship is in Heaven."

WEDNESDAY EVENING. Rev. C. H. Spaulding, of Boston, preached from Heb. 11: 24, "By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter."

THURSDAY FORENOON. Addresses were made by Rev. C. H. Spaulding in behalf of American Baptist Publication Society, and by P. S. Evans in behalf of Domestic Missions. A sermon was preached by Rev. G. N. Ballentine, from Rev. 7:9. The Conference meeting, with which the Association usually closes, was participated in by a number of persons, and much enjoyed by all. Both the afternoon meetings were crowded, and the meetings, as a whole, unusually profitable and interesting. Additions to the churches—by baptism, 58; letter, 12; experience, 2; restored, 3. Decrease—by letter, 39; death, 40; erasure, 51; expulsion, 15. Loss 70.

Next meeting of Association, June 19, 1889, at Noank. Preacher of annual sermon, Rev. Joseph McKean; alternate, Rev. G. W. Ballentine.

THE ASHFORD ASSOCIATION held its sixty-fourth anniversary Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 5 and 6, with the church in Brooklyn. Fourteen churches were represented with 48 delegates. Rev. Asa Randlett was elected Moderator, Rev. B. J.

Savage Clerk, Rev. Wilson R. Terry Assistant Clerk. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. J. D. Graham, from Joshua 1-5; topic, "Invincible for God." The treasurer of Widow's Fund reported \$44.44 paid out, and \$1,100 invested. At the afternoon session the letters were read, the usual committees were appointed and brief addresses were made in behalf of the State Convention, the Publication Society, Home Missions, and Foreign Missions. In the evening Rev. W. R. Terry preached from Prov. 11:30 "He that winneth souls is wise." Tuesday morning the Committees on Benevolence, Obituaries and Place and Preacher for next meeting reported. A sermon was preached by Rev. S. A. Ives, from Prov. 23: 7, "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he." And the usual business of the Association was transacted. Thursday afternoon the committee on the State of Religion made their report, which was followed by a free and earnest discussion which was participated in by Pastors Terry, Hill, Bennett, Robinson, Graham, Rice and Stubbert.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held an interesting session from 1 to 2 p. m. on Wednesday. The report was read by Mrs. Ella Bard. The Society had raised \$501.45. Miss Truesdale read a paper on the Telugoo Mission, and Mrs. Elwell of Burma, gave an interesting address.

The Woman's Home Mission Society also held a session from 2 to 3 p. m. on Wednesday, presided over by Mrs. Annie E. Preston. A paper on Personal Responsibility, prepared by Miss C. G. Sharp, was read by Miss M. A. Terry, and a poem was read by Mrs. B. J. Savage. An extra session of this Society was held on Thursday, addressed by Mrs. Elwell of Burma, and by Mrs. B. J. Savage.

The returns from the churches show increase by Baptism 122, Letter 29, Experience 6, Restoration 1, Decrease by Letter 34, Erasure 7, Exclusion 9, Death 31, making a gain of 79. Next session at Willimantic; preacher, Rev. J. R. Stubbert; alternate Rev. B. J. Savage.

The NEW LONDON ASSOCIATION held its seventy-first anniversary with the Second East Lyme Church at Niantic, Sept. 19,

1888. Annual sermon was delivered by Rev. G. L. Putnam, from text, Romans 1st chap. 1-2 verses. Officers chosen, Rev. D. Taylor, Moderator; Rev. J. J. Cooper, Clerk and Treasurer. Dr. Mason presented the cause of the Baptist Home Missionary Society. Dr. Nordell presented the Ministers' Home and \$6.84 was collected. Reading of letters from the churches. Report of Committee on Arrangements adopted. Adjourned, 12.30.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. Committees appointed. Resumed reading of letters. Missionary sermon preached by Rev. S. Perkins of Second, Waterford, from John, 17th chap., 20th verse. Rev. P. S. Evans, State Secretary, made a stirring appeal for increased benevolence for State work. Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING. Called to order at 7 o'clock. Prayer and Praise Service till 7.30. The Association then listened to the following addresses: Rev. D. Taylor, "On effective preaching;" Rev. C. A. Piddock, "Church additions;" Rev. P. A. Nordell, D.D., "Church discipline;" Rev. D. H. Miller, D.D., "Church growth." Adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING. Prayer meeting at 8.30. Resumed business at 9.30. Treasurer's report read and adopted. Minutes and roll of delegates read and corrected. Additional report from Committee on Arrangements. Committee on Resolutions reported resolutions on temperance and opium traffic. Conveying to Bro. Joseph Smith of Colchester Borough heartfelt sympathy and Christian cheer, and thanks for entertainment, were passed. Committee on State of Churches reported ninety baptisms. Rev. P. S. Evans preached from Acts 2d chap., 47th verse, last clause. Committee on obituaries reported fifty-four deaths. Dr. Nordell spoke on the work of the Bible and Publication Society. Rev. John Packer, D.D., of Rangoon, Burma, spoke on the work in Rangoon. Remarks by moderator. Adjourned to meet with the First, Norwich, on third Wednesday in September, 1889.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held on Wednesday, P. M. It was largely attended, and exceedingly interesting. Miss Josephine Tyler of Brooklyn, N. Y., gave us a few cheering words, after which we listened to an interesting address from Mrs. Elwell, of Burma. The Secretary's report showed a slight increase over that of last year.

Next session with First Church, Norwich. Preacher, Rev. D. H. Miller; alternate, Rev. M. T. Lee; Missionary sermon by Rev. S. J. Weaver; alternate, Rev. A. H. Manee.

REV. D. TAYLOR, *Moderator*.

J. J. COOPER, *Clerk*.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY ASSOCIATION held its fiftieth anniversary with the Second Danbury Church, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 26 and 27th. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. A. H. Delano, from Ex. 32 : 24 and 35. Theme "What we make, we must suffer, or enjoy." The following officers were elected: Moderator, Rev. Wm. V. Garner; Clerk, H. M. Pro-witt; Assistant Clerk, James L. Ambler; Treasurer, James L. Ambler. After appointment of usual committees, adjourned.

AFTERNOON. Letters from churches read, and addresses made by the representatives of our Benevolent Societies. Evening, Rev. L. H. Wakeman delivered a semi-centennial historical sermon, giving the history of the Association from its foundation to the present time. This discourse, full of valuable historical information, is printed in the minutes of Association.

THURSDAY. Reports of Committees on Topic, Place and Preacher; Benevolence, Sabbath Schools, Obituaries, and Temperance were received and discussed. Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Usual business transacted. Eighteen churches were represented, with 53 delegates. The returns show increase by baptism, 145; letter, 86; experience, 22; restoration, 2. Decrease by letter, 50; erasure, 6; exclusion, 8; death, 38. Total gain, 153. Next anniversary at Norwalk, 4th Wednesday in Sept., '89. Opening sermon by Rev. J. W. Richardson.

HARTFORD ASSOCIATION held its ninety-ninth anniversary with the church in Rockville, Oct. 10, 1888. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. Kittridge Wheeler, from Psalms, 116-7. Letter from Rockville church was read. The following officers were chosen: Moderator, Rev. J. F. Temple; Clerk, Rev. E. C. Miller; Asst. Clerk, Rev. H. Thompson, Cor. Sec'y, Rev. E. P. Bond; Treasurer, J. W. Dimock. Treas-

urer's report read and accepted. Business transacted. Letters from churches read. Adjourned, 12.30.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Reading of letters concluded. Usual committees appointed. The church in Cornwall Hollow received into fellowship. Rev. C. A. Piddock spoke for State Convention. Rev. G. M. Stone for Home Missions. Rev. I. F. Stedham for Ministerial Education. At 3.15 p. m., the Woman's Home Mission Society held a session, and were addressed by Miss Merriam, Mrs. B. J. Savage, Miss Howard, and Mrs. Corbin. Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION. Rev. Geo. M. Stone, preached the missionary sermon from Gal. 4: 4.

THURSDAY FORENOON. Reports from Committees on Place and Preacher, State of Religion in the Churches, Obituaries, Temperance, and Resolutions, were presented and discussed. Rev. C. H. Spaulding presented the claims of the Publication Society. The officers of the Association were appointed a committee to make suitable preparation to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the Hartford Baptist Association. 22 churches were represented by letters, and 63 by delegates. The returns show, increase by baptism, 100; letter, 78; experience, 10; restoration, 5. Decrease by death, 57; letter, 85; erasure, 17; exclusion, 14. Total gain, 20. Next anniversary, place and date to be fixed by committee of arrangements. Preacher of annual sermon, Rev. F. E. Tower; alternate, Rev. E. M. Potter; Preacher of missionary sermon, Rev. B. B. Gibbs; alternate, Rev. H. M. Thompson.

THE NEW HAVEN ASSOCIATION held its sixty-third anniversary with the Calvary Church, New Haven, Oct. 10th and 11th, 1888. Moderator, Pastor J. V. Garton; Clerk, Pastor P. S. Evans; Asst. Clerk, Pastor W. G. Fennell; Treasurer, Bro. Fred B. Bunnell. The morning session was occupied with the reading of the letters from the churches.

AFTERNOON. Usual committees were appointed. The annual sermon was preached by Pastor Evans. Hon. Francis Wayland spoke in behalf of the Ministers' Home, and Rev. C. H. Spaulding, of Boston, advocated the cause of the Publication Society. The Committee on Benevolence reported through Pastor Jackson.

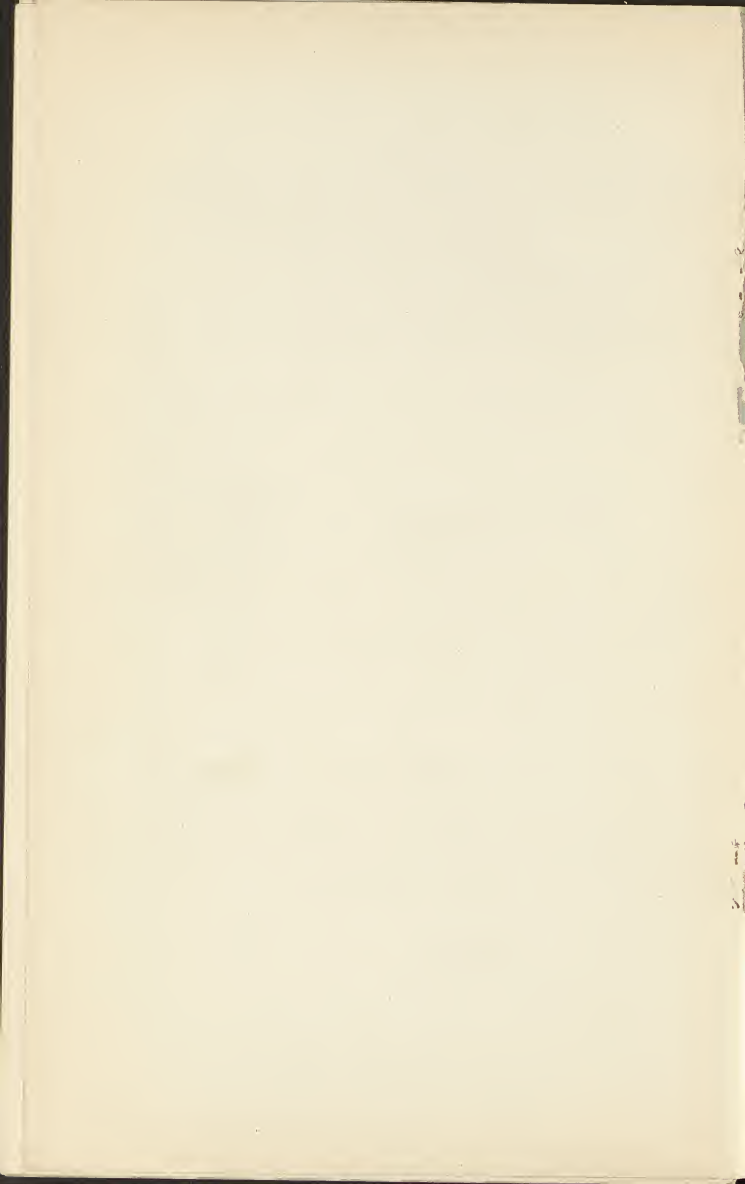
EVENING. The missionary sermon was preached by Pastor Fennell, from Rom. 1: 15-16. Rev. O. C. Pope presented the claims of the Home Mission Society.

THURSDAY FORENOON. The obituary report was presented. The committee on State of Religion in the Churches presented their report, which was followed by very earnest and effective addresses by Pastors McKinney, Wightman, Elsdon, Poteat, Jackson, Ditmars, and Rev. C. A. Piddock. After usual routine business, Convention adjourned at 12.00 m.

The Woman's Home Mission Union held an interesting session Wednesday, Oct. 10th, at 9.30. The Woman's Foreign Mission Society held its sixteenth annual meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 10th, 1.30 P. M.

Twenty-seven churches were represented in the Association by letters and delegates. Next annual meeting at Branford. Preacher of Annual Sermon, Pastor J. G. Ditmars; alternate, Rev. J. D. Cromley; Preacher of Missionary Sermon, Pastor E. M. Poteat; alternate, Pastor E. J. Bosworth.





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